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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 12/21/62

FROM : SA JOHN E. CASSAWAY

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact	12/14-15/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALISTRIERI, AR	92-166	HOLTZMAN
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised on 12/14/62 that BUSTER BALISTRIERI [redacted] after being away from approximately [redacted] He stated that he was in hopes of learning where BUSTER had been within the near future.

Informant advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA are [redacted] He said that when [redacted] by the Milwaukee PD, FRANK BALISTRIERI sent his [redacted] and also sent the [redacted] STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA. At the time, FRANK did not know why [redacted] and when he [redacted] he said he would [redacted] in this matter at all had he known this beforehand.

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating: Excellent	Coverage: 92-166-153 Gambling

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Informant stated that [redacted] Milwaukee [redacted] NICK COLURA at 1221 No. Milwaukee St. but [redacted] very shortly. He said that [redacted] is still seen in places frequented by Italians in the company of NICK COLURA and CARLO DIMAGGIO, and the Milwaukee outfit evidently is going to [redacted] despite the fact that he was [redacted] Informant stated that he had now learned that [redacted] when they left Milwaukee, went to [redacted] where they [redacted] They had [redacted] went to [redacted] where he [redacted] for a period of time; and after having [redacted] he returned to [redacted] and came to Milwaukee from [redacted] not [redacted] as informant had previously said. He stated that he does not believe the outfit will do anything to [redacted] at the present time as the "heat" is on the outfit due to the John Doe hearing and they do not want to do anything to cause any more trouble.

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Informant said that STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE are going to [redacted] with JOE GURERA who will [redacted] from now on. He also stated that these individuals are really putting the pressure on gamblers and other individuals who owe them money, and on the night of [redacted] JOE GURERA [redacted] because the latter did [redacted] for him.

Informant was asked as to the identity of a [redacted] who was seen with JOE GURERA at Gallagher's on the night of [redacted] and who was described as short in stature, heavy and older than JOE GURERA and had thick lips and droopy eyes with slicked thinning gray hair. Informant stated that this answers the description of [redacted] but he does not know the significance of [redacted] with JOE GURERA and said that JOE may be [redacted] In connection with Gallagher's, informant said that FRANK BALISTRIERI has been [redacted] but has said nothing about [redacted] the place altogether.

He said that BUSTER BALESTRERE must be back in the good graces of the outfit as he and JOE GURERA are attempting at the present time [redacted] in Milwaukee with [redacted] preferably in one of [redacted] Milwaukee.

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In regards to [redacted] of the Milwaukee outfit, informant stated that [redacted] only has [redacted] and that they have told [redacted] that they are [redacted] He said that they kept the [redacted] He advised that SHERIFF CEFALU is [redacted] and that he does so by [redacted] to the particular [redacted] and is not supplying the [redacted] to anyone. He further advised that the SHERIFF is [redacted] around 12:45 PM daily, and he is quite certain that he is [redacted] out of State. He advised that the SHERIFF then [redacted] SAM CEFALU, who [redacted] in Milwaukee either by making [redacted] to them or they [redacted]

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On 12/15/62, informant was telephonically contacted at which time he advised he is quite certain that JOSEPH SPERA, who resides on North Cramer Street, was identical to an individual referred to as JOSEPH SPERO. He further advised that [redacted] was still [redacted] Fla., and that "POP" MANIACI died approximately one year ago.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 12/21/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact

12/14/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

TONY PETROLLE; TOM MACHI ITWI	165-45	THOMPSON
JOE GURERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166	HOLTZMAN
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE
[ ] POSITIVE

Informant was questioned as to why there was so much contact in [redacted] between the Chicago syndicate, [redacted] in Milwaukee and the [redacted] in Milwaukee. Informant stated that all of these contacts were evidently [redacted] in Milwaukee. He said, as he had informed previously, that after the [redacted] were approached for a [redacted] they all started calling individuals in the outfit who had influence in Chicago, Cleveland and other cities, trying to get these individuals [redacted] JOE GURERA, STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE from [redacted] He said that these calls back and forth undoubtedly were concerning this matter. He advised that after the outfit here had discovered that [redacted] had tried to get [redacted] for them, there was a rumor that one of [redacted] in Milwaukee [redacted] and

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating: Excellent	Coverage: 92-166-154 Gambling

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after this they again [redacted] and some of the calls were probably on this matter also, but all of it had to do with [redacted] of the [redacted] in Milwaukee.

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-262) 1/2/63

SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

CRIMINAL COMMISSION

On 12/6/62, Inspector HAROLD BREIER, Detective Bureau, Milwaukee P.D., advised that the Milwaukee P.D. had arrested COSIMO MARZULLO on 12/5/62 at 5:20 P.M. for a stop and go traffic violation on East Wisconsin Avenue and North Milwaukee Street. At the time, he was driving a 1953 Lincoln sedan, Wisconsin license T 10-966. The license is listed to MARZULLO but was listed to a Chrysler and not a Lincoln, which MARZULLO was driving at the time. Since he was unable to to show proof of ownership, he was booked on suspicion of auto theft. A search of his person reflected a horse race scratch sheet and numerous papers with names and numbers, indicating he may be involved in betting.

With regard to the car ownership of the Lincoln by MARZULLO, it was established that he had just purchased this Lincoln and the title to the car had not yet been fully transferred.

MARZULLO resides at 1915A South 5th Street and is employed as the manager of the Acino Cleaners at 1012 South 1st Street. The owners of the Acino Cleaners are STEVE DI SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA.

Upon interview at the Detective Bureau on 12/6/62, MARZULLO advised as follows:

He was born in Naples, Italy on 5/4/04 and came to the United States in about 1924. He advised that he resided in Chicago, Illinois until about 1948 when he went to Racine, Wisconsin for about nine years and operated a cleaners called the American Dry Cleaners at 1901 Mead Street. He stated that, about five years ago, he came to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and has been here ever since. He advised that, while in Milwaukee, he owned three laundromats, at 1702 Vliet Street, 816 South 5th Street and 510 West North Avenue. He stated that he used to own the Acme Supply Company at 722 South 5th Street, which handled laundromat equipment. He advised that he has

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been in the laundry and cleaning business all of his life.

With regard to Acino Cleaners, he stated that he acts in the capacity of manager of Acino Cleaners, but that he believes it is actually owned by STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE. He advised the reason he believes this is because they are the individuals who sign checks. He stated he is acquainted with JOE GURERA but does not know whether or not he has any part of ownership of Acino Cleaners. He advised that he has been employed at Acino for only about three weeks. He stated that he knows nothing about DI SALVO's, BALESTRERE's or GURERA's activities, other than the fact that they are in the cleaning business and spend some time of each day at Acino. He denied knowing that they are involved in any hoodlum activity, gambling and so forth.

Among some of the papers found on MARZULLO were the following:

A slip of paper with the following names on it:

ORVILLE OLSON - 500 b6
[redacted] - 300 b7C
[redacted] - 300
[redacted] - 300
[redacted] - 500
O.M. - 1,000 (OWEN MADSON)
[redacted] 500
[redacted] - 300

He also had envelopes in his possession with the above names on them and some figures indicating balances. In explaining the above, MARZULLO stated that he has been interested in horse racing all of his life. He advised that, for the past 14 years, he has been studying the horses and has finally derived a formula for beating them. He stated that he has beat the horses on 97 occasions out of 100 times. He refused, however, to divulge his formula for beating the horses, stating that this was his own scheme. He advised that the names and figures as stated above constituted the names of individuals and the amounts of money that each individual gave him in order to bet on the horses. (It is noted that the above totalled to $4,700.) MARZULLO advised that all of the above individuals resided [redacted] He stated that he approached ORVILLE OLSON, who is in the cleaning business in Waterford (Racine County)

about five months ago and told OLSON about his scheme. He advised that, since that time, ORVILLE OLSON has invested $1,000 with him and also collected the money from the other individuals involved and gave the money to him, MARZULLO. He advised that he bets this money at the race track in Chicago and has since given these individuals a return on their investment. When he was informed that the race tracks in Chicago are closed, he admitted that he is now placing his bets with a bookie. He steadfastly refused to identify the bookie.

On [redacted] Federal Grand Jury in [redacted] b3

ORVILLE CARL OLSON was interviewed at the USA's office on 12/7/62 and advised as follows:

He has known COSIMO MARZULLO for 15 years, adding that OLSON worked for the Paris Royal Cleaners in Racine, Wisconsin 15 years ago and MARZULLO operated a cleaners and brought his cleaning to Paris. He advised that, about five months ago, MARZULLO contacted him at his cleaners, Peerless Cleaners, 203 West Main Street, Waterford, Wisconsin, and advised that MARZULLO told him that he had a sure way of beating the horses and wondered if he, OLSON, wanted to invest some money with him. He was in poor financial condition and felt if he could make some easy money, he would do so. He advised he then gave MARZULLO $300. He said since that time he has given MARZULLO $700 additional, making it a total of $1,000. He advised that MARZULLO has returned to him $320, which reportedly was the result of winnings at the track. He stated that MARZULLO just returned $62 to him the previous week. He advised that MARZULLO was to keep 50% of all the winnings. He advised that it is his understanding that he could get his original investment of $1,000 back at any time, but stated he has not tried to do so and doesn't know whether or not he can. He advised that he contacted [redacted] and other individuals in the Racine area and that they too invested some money with MARZULLO and have gotten returns on it. He named them as follows, with the amount invested:

[redacted], Wisconsin b6 b7C
$500

[redacted] Wisconsin
$300

[redacted] Wisconsin
$300

[redacted] Wisconsin
$300

[redacted] Wis.
$500

OWEN MADSON, Waterford, Wisconsin
$1,000

[redacted] Wisconsin
$500

[redacted]
$300

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OWEN HENRY MADSON, 648 East Main Street, Waterford, Wisconsin, was interviewed at the USA's office on 12/7/62. He advised that he is the owner and operator of Western Auto Store in Waterford. He stated that about five or six weeks ago, he met COSIMO MARZULLO at ORVILLE OLSON's store for the first time. He said OLSON explained to him, MADSON, MARZULLO's operation and that he gave OLSON $1,000 to give to MARZULLO. He said that, since that time he has recieved $254 from MARZULLO, which is supposed to be the result of MARZULLO's winnings at the race track on his $1,000. He advised that MARZULLO keeps 50% of all the winnings. He advised that he understands that he can get his original investment back at any time but has not tried to do so, since MARZULLO has been giving him a return on his investment.

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MARZULLO steadfastly denied that his operation was a con game or a shake down operated by STEVE DI SALVO, JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE. He advised that they have nothing to do with this operation.

It is to be noted that [redacted] advised on 12/7/62 that COSIMO MARZULLO some [redacted] about his scheme for beating the horses. He advised that MARZULLO is convinced that he has a scheme devised to beat the horses and was attempting to [redacted] the race track. [redacted] advised that [redacted] Milwaukee and that [redacted]

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If he is betting with the bookies he must have a "beard" doing it for him since no bookie will knowingly take his bet.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 1/4/63

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 12/14 and 12/20/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, aka AR	92-165 HOLTZMAN
STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRIERE, AR	92-166 HOLTZMAN
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Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[X] Positive

The following information was furnished by informant December 14, 1962:

For the first time in five or six weeks BUSTER BALESTRIERE showed up [redacted]

On [redacted] JOE GUERRA and an individual named [redacted] had a long conversation, part of which was as follows: JOE: "I sent him to take care of it and he didn't. Guess I'll have to." [redacted] "Yes. Maybe I should go with you." JOE: "OK."

They agreed to meet at 2 p.m. on Saturday, [redacted] Informant observed a photograph of [redacted] and said that this was not the [redacted] who had been with JOE as described above.

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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On December 13, 1962, [redacted] stated that he had to go to Chicago.

On [redacted] BALISTRIERI, GURERA, DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE met with another individual who is described as a short, heavy-set Italian, wearing heavy glasses and accompanied by a young man who took no part in the proceedings. The man provided BALISTRIERI with [redacted] which he took [redacted] and apparently looked over in some detail, then brought it back and after a discussion between the four individuals, the [redacted] and BALISTRIERI passed a sizeable amount of money to the man. b6 b7C b7D

Informant thought it possible that [redacted] in which [redacted] juke boxes concerning which the same four individuals had had a discussion with [redacted] some weeks before.

On [redacted] FRANK and [redacted] seemed to be very worried about something that was occurring [redacted] GURERA came in and when his attention was called to it he also appeared to be concerned; and shortly STEVE DE SALVO came in and FRANK remarked to him, "Whew! I thought they might [redacted] STEVE said, "I almost had heart failure." They apparently were talking about one of [redacted] that STEVE DE SALVO had which was outside [redacted]

On December 20, 1962, informant said that [redacted] now was [redacted] and did [redacted] 4 o'clock. The word is out among [redacted] that the place is going to [redacted] completely right after New Year's although FRANK has not said so. The [redacted] feel the possibility exists that BALISTRIERI is going to try to [redacted] as possible over the holidays without [redacted] and then [redacted] and let them try to get [redacted] Informant pointed out that there have already been [redacted] one being the [redacted] where there was about [redacted] The [redacted] are supposed to get [redacted] but FRANK has not [redacted]

Informant noted that instead of STEVE DE SALVO being the constant companion of GURERA as had previously been the case, now it is BUSTER BALESTRERE who is constantly with GURERA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 1/4/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 12/21/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
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BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166	HOLTZMAN
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IGA	162-1	THOMPSON
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI, JOE GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO have not been hanging around [redacted] at night during [redacted] as they usually do. He said that they will make a quick appearance and then disappear. He said that PETER BALISTRIERI and his son, JOE, are taking care [redacted] right now.

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In connection with [redacted] informant said that a girl by the name of [redacted] is now [redacted] and that FRANK BALISTRIERI plans to get [redacted] used to the idea of a [redacted] and then plans to change [redacted]

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Rating: Excellent

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[redacted] Also, in regards to [redacted], informant said that a [redacted] by the first name of [redacted] PETER BALISTRIERI's [redacted] and knows a great deal concerning his activity. He described her as a girl around [redacted] years of age with black hair and medium build. b6 b7C b7D

Informant said that there is a new development concerning the possible activities of the Italian organization in Milwaukee inasmuch as FRANK STELLOH was discharged from the Wisconsin State Prison at Waupun on Wednesday, December 19, 1962. He pointed out that STELLOH was sent back to the prison for violation of parole after he refused to take a lie detector test in the IZZY POGROB murder case in which local authorities suspected that STELLOH was the killer. Informant pointed out that the organization [redacted] STELLOH inasmuch as DOMINIC FRINZI, the syndicate attorney, and STEVE DE SALVO [redacted] STELLOH when he was released and [redacted] Milwaukee. According to informant, STELLOH [redacted] JOE GURERA's home, and BUSTER BALESTRERE is [redacted] STELLOH being in Milwaukee. He said that [redacted] STELLOH's [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, [redacted] JOE GURERA, BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DE SALVO all met FRANK STELLOH at JOE GURERA's [redacted]. He advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] FRANK STELLOH at all during the evening and made the remark to one of the individuals there that he [redacted] FRANK STELLOH [redacted] Informant said that he believes that this must have something to do with the POGROB killing, and it is possible BUSTER BALESTRERE may not have [redacted] Informant said that [redacted] another of FRANK BALISTRIERI's [redacted] was also [redacted]

He said that from what he can learn FRANK STELLOH will very possibly start [redacted] the same as the Italians have been approached. He stated that STELLOH is an ideal person to do this inasmuch as he is [redacted] and he has the reputation of being [redacted] and would probably be able to bring these individuals in line in short order.

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Informant said that he has been unable to ascertain where BUSTER BALESTRERE spent the two-week period when he was out of Milwaukee. He said that even BUSTER's immediate family does not know where he stayed.

Informant said that he learned that [redacted] JOE, are now working at [redacted] in the [redacted] for the individual from [redacted] on whom he previously furnished information.

In regards to [redacted] informant said that JOE ALIOTA is now definitely [redacted] and is the [redacted] in Milwaukee at the present time who is [redacted] from out of State. He said that JOE makes a [redacted] anywhere from 11:45 AM to 12:30 PM daily except on Mondays when he [redacted] anywhere from one to two PM. He stated that ALIOTA uses [redacted] for this purpose, and he has noted that ALIOTA makes a [redacted] He advised that ALIOTA evidently [redacted] SHERIFF CEFALU, who in turn [redacted] his brother SAM, and then the [redacted] SAM CEFALU and [redacted] He said that [redacted] still has only about [redacted] has no regular [redacted] and JOE ALIOTA and SHERIFF CEFALU [redacted] with them and give out [redacted]

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Informant further advised that the Acino Cleaners has now changed its name to Checker Cleaners and that [redacted] He said that STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GUERRA and BUSTER BALESTRERE are actually running this business for the outfit and that they [redacted] cleaning establishments throughout the city, all of which will be known as Checker Cleaners. He said that this will be a legitimate business and from now on [redacted] will not be made at the cleaners but will [redacted] the above three individuals' [redacted] with the individuals [redacted] a He said that as far as he knows the cleaning places will be/strictly legitimate business, and the profits will provide funds for [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 1/8/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
1/4/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164	HIGGINS
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166	HOLTZMAN
STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
THE CRIMINAL COMMISSION, Etal	92-262	THOMPSON
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

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Informant was questioned as to the reason JOHNNY RIZZO of Kenosha contacted STEVE DE SALVO in Milwaukee during the week of [redacted] He said that he had learned that RIZZO came to Milwaukee [redacted] Wisconsin for [redacted] He said that RIZZO plans to [redacted] as far as any [redacted] are concerned. At the present time he is [redacted] from [redacted] and also from a [redacted] RIZZO approximately [redacted] He said that RIZZO told STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GUERRA that he had [redacted] and also the new Sheriff who is [redacted] Wisconsin. Informant said that on the night of [redacted] JOHNNY

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

Personal Data

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1 - 92-262

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RIZZO, his partner BILL COVELLI, and [redacted], came to Milwaukee and met STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GUERRA [redacted]. He said that they had [redacted] and that all of them then went to [redacted] for a [redacted] Informant advised that on last Sunday, [redacted] JOHNNY RIZZO's [redacted] approximately [redacted] and RIZZO and [redacted] Milwaukee to obtain [redacted] STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GUERRA so that they could operate. He said that JOE GUERRA or STEVE DE SALVO evidently [redacted] RIZZO but that it actually [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI. He pointed out that FRANK himself would have [redacted] with this operation although he definitely [redacted] RIZZO's. Informant said he learned that [redacted] from Milwaukee [redacted] RIZZO's, [redacted] and [redacted] in the game that Sunday night.

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Informant stated that [redacted] Milwaukee [redacted] and this includes non-Italians as well as the Italians. He said that recently the outfit has acquired [redacted] including [redacted] who [redacted] also [redacted] whose true name is [redacted] who [redacted] and [redacted] the [redacted] He stated that an individual by the name of [redacted] and is also [redacted]

Informant stated that JOE ALIOTA is now [redacted] from out of state on [redacted] and is furnishing the same to Sheriff CEFALU, who also [redacted] who in turn furnishes it to his brother SAM and to other [redacted] in the Milwaukee area. He said that ALIOTA gets [redacted] from a different one. He [redacted] about 12 noon. He is quite certain that ALIOTA is getting [redacted] out of Chicago but does not know [redacted] He hopes to be able to supply this in the near future as ALIOTA made one [redacted] of informant's and when [redacted] should be reflected thereon. He said that ALIOTA usually makes his

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[redacted] using a different one each day. He advised that the other day he noticed JOE ALIOTA was now driving a 1960 or 1961 white Cadillac with a 1960 Wisconsin license series. In regards to STEVE DE SALVO supposedly [redacted] Wisconsin, informant stated that he has not heard of this and believes he would know if such were occurring. He said that he does recall that in [redacted] a [redacted] and [redacted] in that city and STEVE DE SALVO [redacted] and had a part of them. He said that it is very possible that [redacted] is again operating [redacted] and STEVE DE SALVO may [redacted] him. In regards to [redacted] in Milwaukee for [redacted] informant advised that he believes that FRANK STELLONI, who was recently discharged from USP, Leavenworth, will be a member [redacted] who will [redacted]. He pointed out that STELLONI is known as [redacted] and is greatly [redacted] as he is believed to have been involved in the killing of IKKY POCHOD and also suspected of other beatings and robberies in the Milwaukee area. Informant stated that he has noted that STELLONI has definitely [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRIERI's [redacted] and that FRANK BALESTRIERI is still the head of the outfit but that his lieutenants now are STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GUNERA and FRANK STELLONI with BUSTER BALESTRIERI in the background. Informant said that if it had not been for the fact that BUSTER is a brother-in-law of JOE GUNERA that BUSTER very possibly would not be living at the present time. He said that BUSTER still [redacted] this [redacted] from [redacted] in Milwaukee.

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He advised that STELLONI is presently [redacted] JOE GUNERA and that he and JOE are constant companions and if STELLONI is not with JOE GUNERA he is seen with STEVE DE SALVO and sometimes with both of them. He advised that STELLONI can always be found at Gallagher's between 1 or 2 (on Mondays or Tuesdays and each night) often at the Para Corporation in the afternoons. He advised that the outfit has no special meeting place at the present time as the members know that they are being closely surveilled by the Milwaukee PD Special Squad.

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In regards to the [redacted], informant stated that [redacted] and that he [redacted] probably [redacted], around [redacted] and will be returning to Milwaukee after a [redacted]. Informant said that [redacted] is a [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and that he [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI in California particularly with ANDY LOCCO of Acino, California and [redacted] who is supposed to be a [redacted] area. In connection with the above, informant said that [redacted] formerly of Milwaukee, now in California and [redacted] in Encino, California is [redacted] ANDY LOCCO.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 1/8/63

[X] CI [ ] SI

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI b7D

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 12/23/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

WILLIAM PENN COLE, aka; STEVE HALMO ITWI (C)	165-46	THOMPSON
[redacted] IGA	162-13	CURRAN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164	HIGGINS
ROBERT PICK, ITWI	165-12	KNICKREHM
SAM CEFALU; [redacted] IGA-LTs	162-23	CURRAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITWI (C)	165-15	HOLTZMAN
STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON
THE CRIMINAL COMMISSION	92-232	THOMPSON

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Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant advised that BOB PICK [redacted] TONY CEFALU and that [redacted] He stated that [redacted]

He advised that RIZZO was [redacted] with BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DE SALVO. Informant advised SHERIFF CEFALU [redacted] every morning, but informant doesn't know where [redacted] He advised that all of the [redacted] CEFALU. He stated that [redacted] is still operating on a very limited basis and added that they only kept some of their [redacted]

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[ ] Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating Excellent

Coverage Gambling
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 1/15/63

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

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[X] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
PCI

Dates of Contact 1/7/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka., AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka., AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka., AR	92-166	KNICKREHM
WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA, AR	92-57	KNICKREHM

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant was contacted 1/7/63 and paid $25 for period 1/1-7/63 and receipt obtained. Informant advised as follows:

[redacted] just in the evenings although FRANK BALISTRIERI, GURERA, DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE, and others continue [redacted] in the afternoon, sometimes being there at 3:30 when informant [redacted]

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[redacted], first name [redacted] last name possibly [redacted] who is described by informant as a real strange character inasmuch as she is a tall, skinny girl, very homely, and appears very stupid. Informant pointed out, however, that she was only [redacted] and claims to be [redacted] wanting experience in this [redacted] Informant wonders if she is [redacted] Police Department.

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Informant has recently overheard BALISTRIERI make the statement that they are going to [redacted] as there is [redacted]. No information or indication was given as to the [redacted] BALISTRIERI is also apparently trying to [redacted] and [redacted] them outright by making [redacted] for them as far as [redacted] and [redacted] are concerned. Informant said that it is common knowledge that [redacted] and others are [redacted]

Informant said that recently BALISTRIERI, BUSTER, STEVE, and JOE have been talking about [redacted] previously referred to by informant as having to do with [redacted] and they are now talking about [redacted] along with the others. Informant said that apparently they [redacted] and in referring to [redacted] he has heard FRANK state "At least it'll be legitimate and they (PD) can't do anything." He also told those assembled [redacted] that while they would not be required to [redacted] the more [redacted] they put into it the [redacted] we'll make. b6 b7C b7D

BUSTER BALESTRERE is [redacted] practically every evening usually [redacted] and conversing with no one.

FRANK STELLOH has not appeared [redacted] very often but when he does show up is treated in such manner as to lead informant to believe that he has [redacted] After STELLOH's arrest Friday, February 5, for a traffic violation there was [redacted] about this and they were quite angry and FRANK BALISTRIERI made the statement: "I suppose they'll see I gave him the car and the money."

Informant said that JOE GURERA [redacted] several times recently in a quiet sort of way out of the presence of anyone else. She has [redacted] she is somewhat [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 1/21/63

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

☐ CI ☐ SI b7D

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 1/16/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK BALISTRIERI	94-316 (HOLTZMAN)
JOSEPH GUERRA	92-259 (HOLTZMAN)
[redacted]	92-[redacted]
AUGIE MANIACI	94-313
[redacted]	94-321
Interview Program	92-265 (KNICKREHM)
CIP	92-265 (THOMPSON)
HUNTER BALISTRIERI	92-166 (KNICKREHM)
STEVE DE BALVO	92-165 (KNEKREHM)

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant was interviewed on 1/16/63 at his residence, [redacted] by SAs ALBERT B. KNICKREHM and JOHN A. HOLTZMAN. He stated that he is [redacted] but doesn't know how long he will be [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] much longer inasmuch as they are [redacted]. He stated that he cannot understand how they are able [redacted] at the present time. He feels that [redacted] must be [redacted]

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He advised that during the [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE BALVO and JOE GUERRA have been coming to [redacted] on the average of two or three times a week. He stated that they never [redacted] in an [redacted]. He stated that he doesn't know what they

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage

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are discussing when [redacted] adding that he doesn't even want to know. He advised that when they [redacted] to make sure that he gets no idea as to what they [redacted] He advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE has [redacted] also on one or two occasions recently. He advised that he doesn't know exactly [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] but is sure that he does have [redacted] He stated, however, that he receives [redacted] who appears to be [redacted] at the present time. He advised that [redacted] about once a week and that usually on [redacted] He advised that [redacted] who is supposed to be [redacted] is presently [redacted] and very seldom comes to [redacted] He stated that [redacted] is usually around Milwaukee and is of the opinion that he [redacted] the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area.

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He advised that [redacted] who is a good friend of his, is going to [redacted] He stated that [redacted] recently conferred with him (informant) as to what equipment he needed and has since purchased this equipment. He advised that [redacted] where he can [redacted] individuals. He stated that he is not going [redacted] inasmuch as he knows nothing [redacted] He advised, however, that he sees [redacted] frequently.

With regard to the disappearance of juke box operator ANTHONY BIERMAT in Kenosha, Wisconsin on 1/7/63 he advised that he has no information nor ideas as to what happened to BIERMAT. He stated that the only thing he knows about BIERMAT is what he read in the paper. He advised that he never heard FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO or JOE GUERRA talk about BIERMAT and added that while there is discussion among the hoodlum element that he associates with regarding BIERMAT, he has heard nothing indicating any hoodlum activity with regard to BIERMAT.

He advised that he was [redacted] on Saturday evening, [redacted] for just a few minutes and talked to PETE

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BALISTRIERI. He advised that while he knows FRANK BALISTRIERI very well he is closer to FRANK's brother, PETE. He advised, however, that his discussion with PETE on this evening did not involve anything which would be of interest to the FBI. He advised that after [redacted] he went [redacted] [redacted], which is [redacted] He stated after [redacted] he went to [redacted]

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He advised that he is acquainted with MIKE ALBANO who operates a piazza joint at 16th and Wells and with NICK COLURA who used to live in the 1200 block on Milwaukee Street. (It is to be noted that NICK COLURA, according to [redacted] operated a gambling establishment at 1226 North Milwaukee, and that examination of this residence after COLURA moved out reflects that he probably did operate a crap game or poker game here.) Informant when questioned as to whether or not any gambling was going on at COLURA's residence on North Milwaukee Street, stated he knew of no such game at this residence and in fact knew of no such game in the entire city of Milwaukee.

He stated that he is also well acquainted with [redacted] adding that [redacted] recently returned to Milwaukee from [redacted] He stated that he doesn't know where [redacted] is residing and doesn't believe [redacted] adding that he thinks [redacted] is [redacted] He advised that his old friend, CARLO DI MAGGIO, is presently in the hospital and that his son SAM who recently got out of WSP, is living in an upstairs apartment at his father's residence with his family and is employed in the construction business as a laborer. He stated that he sees ANGIE MANIACI frequently but doesn't know exactly what MANIACI is doing.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 11/8/62

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 10/26/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165	HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOSEPH GURERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, XXX IIWI	165-15	HOLTZMAN
[redacted]	165-71	HOLTZMAN
SAM CEFALU; [redacted] IGA-LTs	162-23	CURRAN
FRANK SANSONE, IIWI	165-13	CURRAN
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON
CIP	92-145	KNICKREHM

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Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative
[ ] Positive

Informant advised on [redacted] that on that afternoon [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, JOE GURERA and STEVE DI SALVO were holding some sort of an [redacted] He said that they would probably [redacted] around two PM, and it was very possible that some individuals from out of town might be [redacted] although he did not know this for certain.

Informant said in regards to the operation of [redacted] that Sheriff CEFALU is now out of the hospital and is [redacted] daily and giving it to [redacted]

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Rating ~~92-166-9~~ Excellent

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He said that SAM CEFALU always [redacted] from his brother at SAM's [redacted] FRanklin 2-2374, and that the [redacted] in Milwaukee [redacted] SAM CEFALU to [redacted] CEFALU. He said that [redacted] is still being [redacted] and there is [redacted] JOE ALIOTA, Sheriff CEFALU, [redacted] and STEVE DI SALVO. Each has his own [redacted] each day [redacted] He is quite certain though that there must be some central place where [redacted] into so that a [redacted] can be made.

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Informant said that the [redacted] and that they usually [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO or JOE GURERA. However, BUSTER BALESTRERE personally [redacted] each Monday at [redacted] for [redacted] Informant said that this is BUSTER's [redacted] at the present time, and he believes that this is the [redacted] to BUSTER. Informant further advised that [redacted] is [redacted] together with the [redacted]. He said that he had learned that LOUIE FAZIO is the [redacted] Fazio's on 5th. He advised that JOE GURERA and STEVE DI SALVO have also [redacted] in Milwaukee and he knows that [redacted] He said that JOE GURERA and STEVE DI SALVO talked to TONY MACHI, who operates a tavern on North Green Bay Avenue, about [redacted], but TONY managed to get out of this after pleading that [redacted]. Informant said that he would not be surprised if they wait a few weeks and then again put [redacted] on MACHI's [redacted]

Informant said that FRANK SANSONE is now [redacted] and that last Monday night, [redacted] SANSONE [redacted] JOE GURERA [redacted] for the [redacted] Informant said that SANSONE is [redacted] on a very small basis and is mostly [redacted] for other individuals with [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 1/30/63

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
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Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka., AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka., AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
THE CRIMINAL COMMISSION	92-262	THOMPSON
STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka., AR	92-166	KNICKREHM

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised writer and SA THOMPSON as follows:

JOE GURERA returned [redacted] after a week's absence while informant thinks he was out of town on Monday, [redacted] With his return everybody [redacted] seemed to be much relaxed whereas the week before they had been extremely edgy.

Informant also said that [redacted] had returned from [redacted] on Sunday night.

BUSTER BALESTRERE is still left pretty much alone although he is doing menial tasks and [redacted] for these tasks getting just [redacted] from everybody at the joint. BUSTER apparently does not have a car any more as it is necessary for JOE GURERA, PETE, or young JOE BALISTRIERI to take him home.

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating: Good	Coverage: Confidential hoodlum

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A rather [redacted] individuals was here the night of [redacted] Among those present were GUNDERA, FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO, [redacted] and FRANK CICANELLO. There were also men she had not seen before who [redacted] She described him as [redacted] and rather a misshapen individual as though he had been hit on the head with a sledge hammer. His head was sort of scrunched down into his shoulders and he was quite stoop-shouldered. b6 b7C b7D

During the [redacted] AUGIE MARIAGI stopped by and talked to this latter individual for a short time. After the general conversation FRANK BALISTRIERI and [redacted] had a long private conversation and then were joined by [redacted] JOE GUNDERA, and STEVE DE SALVO in what apparently was an additional business type conversation.

These individuals formed one end of [redacted] the other end was occupied by a group of young Italians who were talking with [redacted] relative to the Dali Mai Restaurant located at 160th and Dunleigh. Informant explained that the Dali Mai Restaurant [redacted] one [redacted] (phonetic) but that the [redacted] other individuals, one of whom is [redacted]. Informant also had overheard an individual whom she described as a fat Italian named [redacted] Dali Mai state in the past that "he", FRANK BALISTRIERI, the fat Italian, and others, are going to take over the Dali Mai. Informant said that at the time she did not attach any significance to this statement as [redacted] was a bragging sort of individual.

Informant said that the Brookfield Police Department knows about the Dali Mai and is suspicious of it.

With regard to [redacted] informant said that [redacted] is very attractive to Italians because of the [redacted] that they have who is really good. She cannot [redacted] and she highly insults all non-Italians in the Italian language while appearing to compliment them and butter them up. The Italian audience loves it. Additionally [redacted]

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The police surveillance activities are hurting and informant said that on the night of [redacted] there were a minimum of [redacted] at one time or another. She said that the new instructions for [redacted] are to tell the officers that they [redacted] or [redacted] but it has not been very effective.

This informant said that the [redacted] is [redacted] but that [redacted] is always losing the [redacted] and it is no rhyme or reason to [redacted] that she gives [redacted] Informant said that last week she was [redacted] and generally [redacted] explained that it was for some previous week when she had [redacted] which she had now found. b6 b7C b7D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 1/25/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI
☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact 1/18/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166	KNICKREHM
[redacted] ITWI	165-71	
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON
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THE CRIMINAL COMMISSION	92-232	THOMPSON

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Purpose and results of contact

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☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that JOE GURERA told him that the [redacted] [redacted] informant, had come out of Chicago, Illinois, but he did not say anything as to just where he obtained it. He further advised that on one occasion several weeks ago JOE GURERA made a telephone call from his house to [redacted] and that the phone number, according to his telephone bill, was MA 1-0525.

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Informant said that [redacted] has now opened [redacted] and that SHERIFF CEFALU is [redacted] daily and JOE ALIOTA is taking care [redacted] He said that the only ones who have [redacted] at the present time are [redacted] and that he does not know the location or [redacted] but will have it in the very near future. He said that SHERIFF CEFALU [redacted]

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating: Excellent

Coverage: Gambling

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between 11:45 AM and 12:30 PM, [redacted] out of State, and this is the only [redacted] from out of State at the present time by Milwaukee [redacted] He said that the [redacted] the SHERIFF. He explained that SHERIFF [redacted] and they in turn will relay it to other ones concerned.

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Informant said that FRANK STELLOH and STEVE DE SALVO are riding together now and that STELLOH is supposed to go to [redacted] and help [redacted] He said STELLOH is also STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA's right-hand man or muscleman and will do any strong-arm work they tell him to.

He advised that STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALISTRERI now have [redacted] cleaning places throughout Milwaukee, all of which are called Checker Cleaners. He advised that [redacted] all of the plants and an individual by the first name of [redacted] at the main cleaning place on South First Street, which was formerly Acino Cleaners. He advised that although STEVE, JOE and BUSTER own these cleaning places, they are not seen around there. He also said that during the past week STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA went to see SAM FERRARA for some reason. Informant pointed out that this is rather unusual as SAM FERRARA is one of the really old men of the outfit who was at one time very powerful but has in the past few years been inactive.

Informant said that on the night of [redacted] there was a [redacted] which was attended by FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA, BUSTER BALISTRIERI, FRANK STELLOH, FRANK SANSONE and some other big boys from the Milwaukee area. He said that these individuals were seen in [redacted] and later went down to the [redacted]

In regards to a [redacted] of [redacted] informant stated that he does not know too much about this individual and has seen him hanging around the race track and Sportsman's Bar [redacted] more than he has seen him in [redacted] He said that [redacted] and so forth, and that he associates with [redacted], who [redacted] He said that [redacted] is a close friend of [redacted] of Milwaukee and will [redacted] Informant said that there have been [redacted] at JOE GURERA's residence; in fact, [redacted] anywhere since the one at [redacted] on the night of [redacted]

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He said that JOE CURRERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE are still looking for [redacted] that suit them so that they [redacted] each other but as yet have no [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

In regards to a question as to any suspected stool pigeons or police plants [redacted] informant said he does not know whether or not anything is suspected, but he does know that the boys will not [redacted] in either of these places to talk to anyone about their activities. He also said that they are always alert when they [redacted] to the fact that these individuals may very possibly be police plants and they watch [redacted] as carefully as they can.

Informant advised that TONY MACHI, who operates ANTONIO's on Green Bay Avenue, a tavern, [redacted] and about to [redacted]. He said that the outfit is presently thinking of taking the tavern over, making it a steak house, and TONY MACHI will be the front man in this operation.

SAC (92-257)-P 2/1/63

SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

JOSEPH GURERA, aka
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This memorandum is for the purpose of setting out a chronology of activities in brief form, which only hits the highlights of activities of the major Milwaukee hoodlums who associate together, namely, GURERA, STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and FRANK BALISTRIERI. The serial references, with one exception, are to file 92-257:

FROM SERIAL 20

1. February, 1962 JOE GURERA arrived in Milwaukee from Kansas City.

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2. [redacted] GURERA, DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] Milwaukee gamblers and announced they would [redacted] that they wanted [redacted] action and that they were [redacted] (Informant information)

3. [redacted] the above three individuals went to [redacted] with National Hoodlums and confirm the above arrangement and get the okay because local gamblers had contacted their friends throughout the country after the [redacted] and had protested. (Informant information, unable to verify investigation)

4. Late March, 1962, above individuals re-iterated their demands to gamblers stating that they had received an okay and they threatened to "hit" the gamblers to enforce their demands.

5. [redacted] GURERA went to [redacted] (Informant information unconfirmed by investigation)

FROM SERIAL 40

6. April 5, 1962, on two occasions a "muscle man" from St. Louis met with JOE STEVE and BUSTER.

7. June 27, 1962, STEVE and JOE GURERA while under fisur stop at 3014 West Pierce Street, the booking joint they have set up.

8. July, 1962, JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE deny that they are [redacted] (Informant information)

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[redacted] GURERA's [redacted] sent to [redacted] and return, after which GURERA [redacted] (Informant information)

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11. August 9, 1962, GURERA, DE SALVO, FRANK BALISTRIERI and BUSTER BALESTRERE observed by police officers meeting with PHIL ALDERISIO of Chicago and JOHN MOLLE of Kansas City at the Knickerbocker Hotel.

12. [redacted] the first week in [redacted] GURERA met [redacted] Chicago hoodlums in [redacted] (Informant information)

13. August 10, 1962, just prior to this date the mob puts the bite on night spots including Holiday House, Fazio's and Sardino's and talk of killing a gambler for being recalcitrant on pay offs.

14. GURERA and DE SALVO arrested by Milwaukee PD and SO Officers when they stumble on to a raid in premises at 3014 West Pierce Street.

15. [redacted] 1962, GURERA, DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE meet in Milwaukee with ROCCO PHISCHETTI of Chicago and one [redacted] identities and source unknown. (Informant information)

16. September 29, 1962, JOHN MOLLE observed by Police Officers in contact with PETE BALISTRIERI.

17. October 2, 1962, GURERA and DE SALVO purchase a transister radio receiver to be carried on the person and on the fixed frequency of the Milwaukee PD.

18. October 2, 1962, GURERA and DE SALVO observed making a long distance call to the phone of JOHN JOSEPH VITALE, top hoodlum in the St. Louis Division.

19. [redacted] GURERA and DE SALVO [redacted] especially [redacted] (Informant information)

20. October, 1962, additional gamblers paying off, namely, FRANK SAMSONE.

21. [redacted] GURERA and DE SALVO go to [redacted] and [redacted] down there. (Several informants advised)

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22. November 14, 1962, Milwaukee PD set up a special surveillance squad to attempt to keep close track of the activities of GURERA, DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE to preclude crime of violance in Milwaukee based on often repeated information from various sources that they were going to hit someone.

23. November 16, 1962, GURERA received telephone call from [redacted] Chicago [redacted] and associate of PHIL ALDERISIO; PETE BALISTRIERI taking the call at Gallagher's.

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FROM SERIAL 155

24. [redacted] GURERA exhibiting [redacted] which he was carrying in his car and said he had [redacted] at his home. (Informant information)

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FROM FILE 79-56

25. ANTHONY BIERNAT kidnapped at Kenosha. Investigation in this matter reflects several witnesses to statements of BIERNAT that he had been contacted in November, 1962 by GURERA and DE SALVO plus WIEBER COVELLI, who had put the bite on him to take over his juke box route in Kenosha. A Milwaukee juke box distributor said that COVELLI bought three juke boxes in early November, 1962 from a Milwaukee distributor.

26. [redacted] GURERA [redacted] to another Milwaukee hoodlum, [redacted]. (Informant information)

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TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257) (P)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR.

SUBJECT SUSPECT IN MURDER OF KENOSHA JUKE BOX OPERATOR ANTHONY BIERMAT JAN. SEVEN, LAST, WHOSE BODY FOUND JAN. TWENTY EIGHT, LAST. INFORMANT INFORMATION AND PREVIOUS INFORMATION AS TO GURERA'S ACTIVITIES INDICATE [redacted] b7D

WEDNESDAY, JAN. THIRTY, LAST, NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT FROM VERY GOOD UNDERWORLD INFORMANT DETAILED FACTS OF MURDER AND BURIAL TO A POINT TO INDICATE THAT NEWSPAPER INFORMANT HAD ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE. ALSO ON JAN. THIRTY, GURERA DISAPPEARED FROM MILWAUKEE, HIS CAR LIKEWISE IS GONE AND HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, BUSTER BALESTRERE IS GONE. GURERA DRIVES NINETEEN SIXTY TWO TAN COLORED CHEVROLET IMPALA, FORDOR, WIS. LICENSE E SIX ZERO SEVEN EIGHT FOUR.

ENDEAVOR THROUGH INFORMANTS AND OTHER SOURCES TO DETERMINE IF GURERA AND BALESTRERE IN KANSAS CITY AND REASON FOR BEING THERE IF LOCATED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 1/30/63

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 1/25/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

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STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
JOE GUERRA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRIERI, AR	92-166	KNICKREHM
[redacted] ITWI	165-71	
THOMAS JAMES MACHI; TONY PETROLLE	105-45	THOMPSON

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

IGA	162-1	THOMPSON
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THE CRIMINAL COMMISSION	92-262	THOMPSON

Informant said that [redacted] and that it is located this week at [redacted] at the [redacted] and the phone number is FRanklin 4-3773. He advised that JOE ALIOTA is [redacted] and SHERIFF CEFALU is still [redacted] daily at around 11:45 AM, and it must be from out of State.

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In regards to SHERIFF CEFALU [redacted], informant said that he knows that [redacted] around noon or a little later each day and that he has not seen the SHERIFF leave his home to [redacted] from

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating: Excellent

Coverage: Gambling

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[redacted] and he is quite certain that he would not use [redacted] out of State. Informant said that while he does not know definitely concerning this he is wondering if the Sheriff is very possibly using [redacted] as JOE ALIOTA mentioned something about an [redacted]

Informant said that on Thursday, [redacted] STEVE DE SALVO, FRANK BALISTRIERI, JOE GURRRA and BUSTER BALESTRERE had a [redacted] in Milwaukee and that this seems to be their [redacted] at the present time. He said that they [redacted] of the [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant also advised that [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE at [redacted] on Monday night representing [redacted] TONY PETROLLE and TOMMY MACHI [redacted]

SAC (79-56) 2/4/63

SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

ANTHONY J. BIERNAT, aka.
MISSING PERSON

On 2/2/63 Captain [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, advised that in conversation with STAN HAUKEDAHL, Chief of Police, Kenosha, Wisconsin he gave HAUKEDAHL the impression that he was getting his information from [redacted] He advised that, of course, this is not true but that [redacted] in years past did furnish him with a little information. He stated that [redacted] is in the [redacted] and has been hanging around [redacted] and is a friend of RIZZO's. He stated that if STAN has a leak in his department the information will get out that [redacted] is informing and that when [redacted] hears about it he, [redacted] will probably come running to [redacted] He stated that [redacted] individual and was previously [redacted] and also in several [redacted] WALTER BROCCA and [redacted] He advised that if [redacted] should get "knocked off" because of this information it would be a good riddance.

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[redacted] advised that he had not been in contact with his informant since he last talked to this agent on 2/1/63 but that when he did contact the informant he would attempt to convince informant to talk to the FBI.

On 2/2/63 Detective [redacted] Milwaukee PD, advised that their surveillance had determined that JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE had not been around Milwaukee since Wednesday 1/30/63. Detective [redacted] requested to know if we had any information as to either of their whereabouts. A telephone call on 2/2/63 to Mr. [redacted] GURERA and who [redacted] GURERAs, revealed that GURERA had left late Wednesday night 1/30/63 and has not been around since. He advised that on this morning members of the remaining GURERA family were up at 7 a.m., much earlier than

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usual, and that for an hour after that they appeared to be taking showers. He advised that this was most unusual and he and his wife were wondering if maybe the rest of the family was leaving as well. He stated, however, that at this time, which was 3:30 p.m., they were still up in the apartment. He advised that he would notify the FBI as soon as he received any indication that the entire family was leaving.

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT 2/6/63

MEMORANDUM

To: SAC, Milwaukee [redacted]

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From: SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

Subject: [redacted]

On 2/1/63, informant was questioned as to the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT. He advised that he has no new information and that there is very little talk about it. He stated that BILL COVELLI and JOHNNY RIZZO have been coming to Milwaukee almost [redacted] to see STEVE DE SALVO or JOE GURERA. He advised that on the night that [redacted] were in town, which he recalls was about [redacted] that BILL COVELLI, JOHNNY RIZZO and AL (LNU), (AL ALBANA aka CADILLAC AL), went [redacted] with JOE GURERA, STEVE DE SALVO, FRANK BALISTRIERI and BUSTER BALESTRERE. He described AL as being about 60 years of age, 6' tall, thin build, black hair, graying, gravel voice and a doorman at RIZZO's in Kenosha. He stated that wherever COVELLI and RIZZO go AL goes with them. He advised that AL is a former bootlegger. He stated that after [redacted] they all returned [redacted] and then left, stating they were going to [redacted] He advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI left first and took [redacted] He advised that STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE left together and that BILL COVELLI and JOHNNY RIZZO left together. He stated that AL didn't go with them but instead went to [redacted] He surmises that it was at [redacted] which was probably held at [redacted] where the abduction and subsequent murder of BIERNAT was planned.

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1-162-49 BILL COVELLI--Higgins
1-92-164 JOHN RIZZO--Higgins
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In recalling circumstances leading up to the abduction and murder of BIERNAT, informant recalls that sometime during [redacted] BIERNAT was killed, he had a general conversation with JOE GURERA [redacted] He stated that among the many topics they discussed was the topic of [redacted] He advised that he told GURERA that "You fellows go about things the wrong way." When GURERA asked him what he meant, he said he told GURERA that he would [redacted] individual while he was sitting in his car and then [redacted] He stated that GURERA asked him, "Well, why not? That shows our power and that we mean business" and asked him how he would do it. The informant advised that he told GURERA that he would [redacted] in such a way that it might look as if the individual [redacted] He advised that he told GURERA he would not [redacted] so that the [redacted] the [redacted] He stated that he [redacted] He stated that he told GURERA that he would [redacted] so that [redacted] He stated that by doing it this way there would be [redacted] and that [redacted] would think that the individual [redacted] He advised that when he heard on television that the [redacted] and that it was [redacted] he remembered his conversation with GURERA and figured that GURERA [redacted] He stated that GURERA has remarked to him on several occasions that he desired his, informant's, [redacted] since he considers informant's [redacted]

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Informant stated he had no concrete information as to who the individuals were who were responsible for BIERNAT's death, but the following individuals [redacted]

BUSTER BALESTRERE--He considers BUSTER a good suspect and stated that BUSTER is a sadist. He advised that BUSTER enjoys seeing an individual tortured.

FRANCIS STELLOH--Advised that "his eyes light up when a killing is mentioned." He stated that when reading in the paper of the white Thunderbird, which was supposed to have been seen at the scene of the murder, this could very possibly have been STELLOH.

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STEVE DE SALVO--He considers STEVE DE SALVO a good suspect and advised that DE SALVO is a vicious man fully capable of committing such a crime. He noted that STEVE has been seen at times driving a white Falcon auto; it is not owned by him. He advised he does not know whom this car belongs to.

JOHN AIELLO--Capable of having done it, although he is quite sick these days and does not believe he would have been in on the murder. Very close friend of AUGIE MANIACI.

JOE GUFERA--Capable of having done it, although not the type to do it. Believes he is the one that gave the go-ahead on it. May have been on the scene to see that the job was done.

WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA--Capable of having done it and after having read in the paper that cement was purchased to seal off the wall to the grave and that a white pickup truck was seen at the scene of the murder, he feels BLACKIE very probably was there inasmuch as BLACKIE does have a very light blue pickup truck and is a mason by trade. He advised that BLACKIE is also a very close friend of AUGIE MANIACI.

AUGIE MANIACI--Capable of having done it but doesn't believe he would.

JOHNNY RIZZO--Not the type; doesn't believe he would commit murder. When questioned if it is possible he might have been the fingerman, he said, Yes, that would be something that RIZZO could and would do.

AL (LNU), (ALBANA)--Capable of having done it.

Informant advised that the nickname "POPS" was familiar to him and that he has heard it used as a nickname of several people but could not recall specifically on whom he heard the name used. When questioned as to whether or not he knew DOMINIC PRINCIPE, he stated the name was not familiar to him and inquired as to whether or not it could be PRINCIPATO. He stated that PRINCIPATO was from either Waukegan, Ill., or Highwood, Ill. He advised that PRINCIPATO is 58 to 64 years of age, was in the slot machine business at one time and reportedly has an interest in a bingo game in Waukegan. When questioned as to which doctor would be used to give medical attention to one of the subjects involved if he was hurt as bad as it is rumored, he said that this would be beyond a doubt Dr. GUARDALABENE. He recalled an incident where [redacted] b7D

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[redacted] and that one of them [redacted] b7D
[redacted] and that Dr. GUARDALABENE is the one that gave them medical attention He was questioned as to whether Dr. VALDONE, who it is rumored is deeply in debt to the outfit, might give medical attention, and he replied that he didn't think so

He advised that [redacted] is very likely [redacted] especially if he [redacted] and advising that he is going to [redacted] in order to [redacted]

The informant was requested to attempt to pick up information as to the actual participants in this murder.

In a general conversation regarding ANGIE MANIACI, he was asked as to who were MANIACI's closest and most trusted friends. He replied that they would be JOHN AIELLO, WALTER BROCCA and FRANK LA GALBO.

SAC (79-56) 2/14/63

SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

ANTHONY JOSEPH BIERNAT, aka
MISSING PERSON - MURDER

The following information was received 2/6/63 from [redacted], Wis., OL 4-0716, who desires that his identity be kept confidential.

[redacted], who is [redacted] in the [redacted] said that following BIERNAT's murder [redacted], who [redacted] and is [redacted] under this [redacted] was in [redacted] and made the following statement: "Those guys came to me and I told them I would [redacted] but they wouldn't take the [redacted]

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[redacted] said that [redacted] was [redacted] about what happened to BIERNAT and would willingly furnish information to the FBI. He was unable to say just when [redacted] had made the above statement and said that [redacted] undoubtedly was referring to COVELLI, DE SALVO and GURERA when he spoke of "those guys."

[redacted] said he knew that COVELLI [redacted] in a cigarette vending machine [redacted] and, in fact, had one of the machines in [redacted] He related that about [redacted], LOUIS, "jokingly" suggested to him that [redacted] cigarette vending machine and [redacted]

With relation to the situation in [redacted] furnished the following information.

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He is certain there is something [redacted] based mainly on the fact that [redacted] are so flagrant and wide open. He said, for example, that he knows there are [redacted] RIZZO and COVELLI at [redacted] LOUIS GRECO's restaurant. He also said the [redacted] and he had noticed the previous night, at about 4:00 AM, there apparently was a [redacted] going on there. He said this is [redacted] and is not a [redacted] He said that Wednesday and Sunday nights are when the [redacted] are reputedly held.

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He also said [redacted] openly in the [redacted] prior to [redacted] taking their [redacted] or to a place, name not recalled, at [redacted]

With regard to Chief HAUKEDAHL, he said he thought the Chief [redacted] as far as his being Chief of Police was concerned, and pointed out that, [redacted] the Chief used to stop [redacted] after work.

He said he has just received information that the Chief [redacted] that some [redacted] are also [redacted] and that [redacted] at this [redacted] The source of this information is [redacted]. He is of the opinion she would furnish this information if properly approached but does not desire his name be mentioned in connection with this matter.

(It is possible that this is a reference to HAUKEDAHL's [redacted] operated by [redacted] at the [redacted]

[redacted] related that for about [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI in Milwaukee, and he explained as follows.

He went to Milwaukee [redacted] under the impression [redacted] at that time. He [redacted] until he learned that this was actually FRANK BALISTRIERI's [redacted] He soon was [redacted]

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He furnished the following information relative [redacted]

The [redacted] who has been there for [redacted] He did not think that [redacted] BALISTRIERI's [redacted] but felt that he probably had [redacted] and knew the characters who [redacted] He pointed out that on one occasion he had [redacted]

He said STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALISTRIERI were the closest associates of FRANK BALISTRIERI at that time, and they [redacted] Milwaukee and Kenosha [redacted] DIZZO and "WEIVER" COVELLI, who used to [redacted] quite regularly on Monday night [redacted]

[redacted] said [redacted] BALISTRIERI at that time, a girl named [redacted] BALISTRIERI, told him that DE SALVO and BUSTER BALISTRIERI [redacted] FRANK.

He also related Judge CHRIST SERAFIN was very close to FRANK BALISTRIERI, often [redacted] and that he and BALISTRIERI seemed to be good friends.

Photos of other known associates of BALISTRIERI, DE SALVO, etc. were exhibited to [redacted] but he said he did not know them and did not recognize their names.

He explained at the time he went to Milwaukee [redacted] and thought that a [redacted] might do him some good. In point of fact,

he stated it made him worse and at the time [redacted] he was a [redacted] and has since [redacted] He said that, in fact, he had [redacted] at the time he [redacted]. Since his return, he has [redacted] and has not had any direct association with the West Side Italian element although he is acquainted with most of them [redacted] and is willing to furnish any information that might come to his attention relative to their activities.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 2/12/63

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FROM : SA JOHN H. CASSAVAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 2/8/63 by jhg & abk

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ANTHONY J. BIERNAT - MISSING PERSON-MURDER	79-58 HIGGINS
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164 HIGGINS
JOSEPH FRANK GURRRA, AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKERBEIN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALISTRERI, AR	92-166 KNICKERBEIN
CIP	92-145 THOMPSON
IGA	162-1 THOMPSON
THE CRIMINAL COMMISSION	92-262 THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that he had heard absolutely nothing concerning the murder of TONY BIERNAT; that in. no one is talking about it. He said that he learned [redacted] in Milwaukee that the [redacted] BIERNAT [redacted] and considered BIERNAT to [redacted] in Kenosha. He does not know the place from which Victim [redacted]. He further advised that JOHNNY RIZZO's gambling game was closed in Kenosha over the weekend of 2/2/63 but was open the weekend before that. He pointed out that there was an article in the paper that just prior to the weekend of 2/2/63 the Chief of Police in Kenosha had held a conference

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

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with the gamblers. He said that RIZZO evidently closed his game due to an ultimatum from the Chief of Police.

In regards to some physician possibly treating one of the assailants of BIKKHAT, who was hurt in the scuffle, informant stated that Dr. VITO GUARDALABENE of Milwaukee is the regular doctor for the outfit and has treated hoodlums for injuries in the past. He stated that Dr. GUARDALABENE was very ill, suffering from a heart condition, several months ago and is recovered now but has to be careful concerning his activities. He said that if the hoodlum were brought to Milwaukee for treatment that Dr. GUARDALABENE would take care of him, but he doubts that this Doctor would travel outside Milwaukee for such treatments due to his heart condition.

He also stated that [redacted] might also be [redacted] as he has been known to do this in the past.

In regards to [redacted] of Milwaukee, informant stated that he has seen [redacted] RIZZO's gambling place on quite a few occasions and has seen him many times at the Old Homestead or the Mt. Vernon Hill Country Club, a gambling place [redacted] In fact, according to informant, [redacted] is a regular customer at [redacted] He stated that he last saw [redacted] at the Mt. Vernon Hills Country Club in [redacted] which was the last time informant was there. Informant stated that [redacted] might very possibly [redacted] due to his [redacted] However, he believes that [redacted] would more likely be [redacted] Chicago syndicate than to the Milwaukee one inasmuch as the [redacted] would have been [redacted] Homestead or Mt. Vernon Hills Country Club at Half Day, Illinois.

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In regards to WALTER "BLACKIE" BROCCA, a suspect in the BIKKHAT killing, informant stated that BLACKIE has been [redacted] in the last [redacted] particularly as to the [redacted] by him. He said that BLACKIE has a pickup truck and also has the [redacted]

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In regards to AUGIE PALMISANO, informant stated that PALMISANO likes to be important and [redacted] about what he knows, but he is just [redacted] and does not [redacted] with the outfit and would not [redacted] with [redacted]

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Informant stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE seems to [redacted] inasmuch as he is not coming [redacted] and phone calls to his home always result with the answer that he is not at home. He said that BUSTER has made himself [redacted] BIERNAT disappeared.

In regards to the alleged hoodlum who is supposedly talking to JIM WIRGHART, Milwaukee Sentinel reporter, and [redacted] BIERNAT killing, informant said that he believes that this may very possibly be LOUIE DURANGO and that LOUIE would be a good person to talk to about the BIERNAT case as he gets around and hears a great deal. He said that he has noted that DURANGO has lately had money to spend but is still not working. He resides at 1712 E. Belleview Street, Milwaukee, and drives a 1951 gray Plymouth car.

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Informant advised that JOE GURERA [redacted] Milwaukee on about [redacted] in this town until around [redacted] He stated he did not know where GURERA went, but he is quite sure it would not have been [redacted] GURERA at the present time concerning the BIERNAT killing. He said that it is possible that GURERA went to some other big city and [redacted] there to discuss the BIERNAT killing and [redacted] on the outfit in Milwaukee.

He further advised that he has heard nothing concerning [redacted] who was in Milwaukee for a [redacted] approximately [redacted] BIERNAT killing. Informant said as far as he knows [redacted] has definitely [redacted] to Milwaukee.

Informant further advised that he is offering the following information for what it is worth and that he does not know

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the significance of it: He said that approximately [redacted] He advised that the [redacted] murder of DIEKHAT. He advised that he was at the [redacted] to find out about [redacted] and at that time was approached by JOE BALISTRIERI, son of PETER BALISTRIERI, who told him that his father [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 2/15/63

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
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Dates of Contact
1/15/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRIERE, AR	92-166 KNICKREHM
STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM
ANTHONY J. BIERNAT, MISSING PERSON-MURDER	79-56 HOLTZMAN

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant was exhibited a number of photographs, and in addition to the regular known [redacted] she identified a photograph of FRANK CICCERILLI. Informant recognized him as a more or less [redacted] but knows nothing about his background, business or reason for [redacted] She said that he was [redacted]

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She also stated that old man FAZIO, LOUIE FAZIO and one other brother were [redacted] during the evening and that LOUIE and FRANK BALISTRIERI had a long conversation alone that night and, in fact, were still conversing when [redacted]

Also, [redacted] GURERA, BUSTER BALESTRIERE and FRANK STELLOI were in at one time or another during the day, but DE SALVO was not seen on that day.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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Informant said that the night before; namely, [redacted] a tall slender man with thin face, graying hair, but generally a young looking man, [redacted] and asked, "Anything for me?" The [redacted] looked around [redacted] as though something with his name on it and then advised him, "No," and he left.

With regard to [redacted] previously mentioned by informant as [redacted] JOE GUERRA on a Saturday afternoon, informant said that this man who has not been seen since was approximately 50 years of age, big and "mean looking."

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Date Feb[illegible] 15, 1963

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, Milwaukee (92-257)

From: Director, FBI (92-4090)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

ReBuTel 2-12-63, captioned, "Anthony Joseph Biernat, aka., Missing Person - Murder."

Investigations conducted by the Milwaukee Office in connection with the Criminal Intelligence Program indicate that during the past year hoodlums with close ties in Kansas City, Chicago and Las Vegas have appeared in the Milwaukee area and have been taking an active part in the gambling field and in other areas susceptible to domination by racketeers.

Your reports indicate that Joseph Frank Gurera arrived in Milwaukee from the Kansas City area early in 1962. He promptly joined up with former Kansas City hoodlum "Buster" Balestrere and Milwaukee muscle man, Steve DeSalvo, in shaking down Milwaukee gamblers and tavern owners and collecting periodic tribute payments. Informants have advised that this group had, at one time, [redacted] Milwaukee gambler in order to [redacted] in order to keep [redacted] and to facilitate obtaining [redacted] in that area. Although Frank Peter Balistrieri is the alleged head of hoodlums in Milwaukee, certainly, the results achieved by Gurera in Milwaukee, have increased his stature and standing among the hoodlums.

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According to information furnished by your informants, the [redacted] Gurera group into the [redacted] Wisconsin, and the [redacted] Biernat leads to the speculation that this is a [redacted] the Biernat murder.

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Airtel to Milwaukee
RE: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

It is noted [redacted] Gurera in Milwaukee was promptly reported by our informants, along with [redacted] in that area and to [redacted] basis insofar as [redacted] were concerned. The acquaintanceship of Milwaukee hoodlums with other area hoodlums such as Sam Giancana and Felix "Milwaukee Phil" Alderisio of Chicago; [redacted] and Thomas Simone and John Molle of Kansas City, has been documented. What part has been played by other area hoodlums in the recent machinations of the Milwaukee group has not been determined.

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Bearing the foregoing in mind, and in connection with our responsibilities in the criminal intelligence field to fully develop information regarding criminal activities, criminal influence and domination by racketeers, the Bureau desires that you immediately intensify all phases of your Criminal Intelligence Program. This intensification includes and applies to the following cases currently under investigation in your office:

John J. Aiello, Bureau file 92-5919 92-229
Frank P. Balistrieri, Bureau file 92-3116 92-316
Steve J. DeSalvo, Bureau file 92-5134 92-65
Joseph Frank Gurera, Bureau file 92-4690 92-257
John C. Rizzo, Bureau file 92-5012 92-164
Bustiano Veto Balestrere, Bureau file 92-5130 92-166
William Covelli, Bureau file 162-777 162-49

In addition, you should open cases and immediately commence active investigation on the following individuals under the Anti-Racketeering character:

[redacted], aka
[redacted] aka 94-316-171 num. 94 refs.
[redacted] aka [redacted] 91-822
Francis Stellon num ref, no main file
Walter Brocca 92-57

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A weekly summary airtel is to be submitted on all of the above cases except Gurera. The initial report on the above-listed individuals is to be submitted to reach the Bureau by March 1, 1963, and thereafter reports are to be submitted without fail on a thirty-day basis.

Airtel to Milwaukee
RE: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

It is to be noted that retel advised that if investigation establishes that Biernat's murder was a part of the gangland tactics to take over control in Wisconsin and to move into the slot machine business,* then you should develop further evidence in connection with this killing. In order to facilitate administrative handling, any information developed concerning the Biernat murder should be included in your Anti-Racketeering case captioned, "Joseph Frank Gurera, aka., AR," Bureau file 92-4690. Beginning at once, a daily teletype should be submitted to the Bureau in connection with this matter under the Gurera caption.

Sufficient personnel are to be assigned to your Criminal Intelligence Program and to the Gurera matter in order that our responsibilities in this field are thoroughly and completely handled. You should give this matter close personal supervision.

Your summary report on the Biernat case mentioned in retel should include what progress you have made along the lines of investigative endeavor set forth in your teletype of 1-26-63. In addition, furnish your recommendations as to the feasibility of conducting an all-out investigation of the jukebox business in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin in order to determine the degree of criminal influence and "take over" by hoodlums in this industry. Also, in connection with the Biernat matter, it appears that your informant, [redacted] has furnished excellent information and with additional cultivation and possible promise of lump sum payments, may be induced to furnish additional valuable information in this case. His statement that [redacted] b7D warrants further investigative inquiry. It is recalled that in a previous Theft From Interstate Shipment case in the Chicago Office, information was developed that [redacted] located in the [redacted] had previously used [redacted] in order to avoid location and [redacted] Details of this modus operandi should be obtained from the Chicago Office, along with backgrounds of the individuals involved. You should also keep in mind that an FBI Laboratory report indicates that footprints found at the grave site may be of value in comparison with shoes of suspects.

* and jukebox business

Airtel to Milwaukee
RE: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

At the present time, you are not utilizing any highly confidential sources. Other offices have found this to be a most effective investigative technique and a highly valuable source of information. Agents conducting investigations in the Criminal Intelligence field should, at all times, be alert to the potential use of such an aid. Whenever you determine it is feasible to use such sources, you should promptly submit your recommendations and request for survey. In a separate communication, advise within ten days any plans you have or recommendations you have with respect to utilization of any highly confidential sources.

The Bureau desires that your entire Criminal Intelligence Program be accelerated. Any information developed in connection with the Biernat matter should be carefully and relentlessly pursued. Keep Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

2/19/63

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4690)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR.

RE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO BUREAU FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN LAST.

ON FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN LAST [redacted] ADVISED THAT OVER THE WEEKEND OF [redacted] JOE GURERA AND STEVE DE SALVO CONTACTED [redacted] AND TONY PETROLLE, LOCAL ITALIAN GAMBLERS, AND TOLD THEM THAT BUSTER BALESTRERE WOULD, IN A FEW DAYS, [redacted] FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS. THEY TOLD THESE GAMBLERS THAT THEY HAD NOT FORGOTTEN THEM [redacted] BUT THAT BUSTER HAD JUST BEEN TOO BUSY TO COME AROUND.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 2/19/63

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI

☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

2/18/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNOCKREHM
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166	KNOCKREHM
[redacted]	165-71	AUSTIN
[redacted] ITMI	165-11	KNOCKREHM
[redacted] IGA	162-15	CURRAN
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON
THE CRIMINAL COMMISSION	92-262	THOMPSON

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that the [redacted] location of [redacted] which is their [redacted] and he does not know their present address or phone number. He advised that Sheriff CEPALU is [redacted] daily from Minneapolis, Minnesota and is now [redacted] SAM CEPALU. [redacted] in turn relays [redacted] He advised that [redacted] is taking care of some of the [redacted] and that he [redacted]. In other words, [redacted] is not using a phone but contacting [redacted] personally.

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

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Informant stated that [redacted] and so does [redacted]

Informant further advised that he learned that [redacted] is the [redacted] in that he makes [redacted] from out of state who deal with [redacted] He advised that on [redacted] out of the Milwaukee [redacted] supposedly to go to some city to [redacted] with some particular [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 2/19/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GAMBARAY

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

2/18/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKERBEIN
JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRIERE, aka, AR	92-166	KNICKERBEIN
[redacted] IGA-US	162-2	KNICKERBEIN
TONY PETROLLE; THOMAS JAMES MACHI, ITWI	165-45	THOMPSON
THE CRIMINAL COMMISSION	92-262	THOMPSON
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that on the weekend of [redacted] STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GUERRA telephonically contacted [redacted] and TONY PETROLLE and told them that BUSTER BALESTRIERE had been busy for the past two weeks and hence had not been around [redacted] but that they had not forwarded [redacted] BUSTER would be around to [redacted] Informant also advised that as far as he knows STEVE and JOE have not contacted any other [redacted] in Milwaukee for [redacted] but are still [redacted] from regularly.

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	Excellent	Gambling

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 2/19/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 2/13, 18/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166	KNICKREHM
THE CRIMINAL COMMISSION	92-262	THOMPSON
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

On 2/13/63 informant was questioned as to whether or not FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO, and JOE GURERA were [redacted] Information concerning the possibility of [redacted] had come to the attention of the Milwaukee Office. Informant advised that STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA are definitely [redacted] and are [redacted] as far as he knows. He said that he had not seen FRANK BALISTRIERI around town on that date and there was a possibility that BALISTRIERI [redacted]

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On 2/18/63 informant advised that he learned through FRANK BALISTRIERI's [redacted] FRANK was in Kansas City around [redacted] reason for his visit unknown.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

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Informant further advised that JOHN MOLLE, a top hoodlum of Kansas City, is coming to Milwaukee in the near future to see FRANK BALISTRIERI and while here will also visit JOHN ALIOTA and VITO BALISTRIERI, an older member of the family who lives in the 1600 block on North Jackson Street. The purpose of MOLLE's visit is unknown to informant. Informant stated that STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GUERRA have been nervous and have been very inactive for the past two or three weeks, and he believes that it's all due to the BIERMAT case. In regards to the [redacted] acquired by STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GUERRA, and BUSTER BALESTRERE in [redacted] which informant had previously given information concerning, informant stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE showed him [redacted] and that it included [redacted] on it and also a [redacted] to make sure you have the right [redacted] and also a [redacted] He said that BUSTER told him that part of [redacted] outside Milwaukee. b7D

In regards to the [redacted] which JOE GUERRA [redacted] informant and which was subsequently [redacted] from an individual by the name of [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois around [redacted] informant stated that he [redacted] GUERRA around [redacted] and that the latter evidently [redacted] some way in Chicago, Ill. He said that he did not know the individual [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 2/19/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

2/15, 16, 18/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164	HIGGINS
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKERBEIN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
JOSEPH FRANK GUHERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
SUSTER BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166	KNICKERBEIN
THE CRIMINAL COMMISSION	92-262	THOMPSON
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

On 2/15/63 informant was questioned as to whether or not JOHNNY RIZZO was [redacted] Wisconsin on Saturday night, [redacted]. He stated that he did not believe that RIZZO was [redacted] but would check and advise.

On 2/16/63 informant advised that RIZZO definitely [redacted] this weekend as the Chief of Police in Kenosha. STANLEY HAMMERAKE, has told [redacted] and [redacted] for the time being.

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On 2/18/63 informant advised that he had not heard one word discussed concerning the murder of TONY BIERMAT. In regards

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to the possible disposition of the car used by the murderers informant stated that he is quite certain that these individuals [redacted] He said that [redacted] was probably [redacted] Informant pointed out that after [redacted] it would only take five or ten minutes [redacted] and another hour to [redacted] In regards to his [redacted] which was [redacted] in Milwaukee since [redacted] KIERNAT'S murder, informant stated that he had [redacted] and the latter told him that [redacted] was [redacted] inasmuch as the [redacted] Informant exhibited a [redacted] for [redacted] reflecting it was a [redacted] Wisconsin [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He also pointed out that [redacted] is supposed to be turned into [redacted]

Informant stated that HUNTER BALESTRERE has been away from Milwaukee for over two weeks and that no one seems to know his present whereabouts.

2/20/63

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4690)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257) (P)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AKA, AR.

INFO TODAY FROM MILWAUKEE, WIS. PD SURVEILLANCE SQUAD THAT SUBJECT, ALONG WITH STEVE DE SALVO, FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, FRANK STELLOH AND WALTER BROCCA GATHERED AT PARA CORP. FIVE PM FEB. EIGHTEEN, LAST, FOR MEETING. BUSTER BALESTRERE, WHO HAS BEEN MISSING FROM MILWAUKEE SINCE PRIOR TO JAN. THIRTY, LAST, AND WHOSE CAR HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE AROUND CHRISTMAS, REAPPEARED IN MILWAUKEE FEB. SIXTEEN, LAST, WITH HIS CAR. HE HAS CHANGED CARS AND IS DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE CHEVROLET. HE APPARENTLY IS BACK IN GOOD GRACES WITH THE OUTFIT AS IN ADDITION TO ABOVE MEETING WAS OBSERVED TODAY AT A MEETING AND HAVING LUNCH WITH GURERA, DE SALVO AND PETER BALISTRIERI.

GURERA STAYING HOME AT NIGHT AND IS UNDER TWENTYFOUR HOUR SURVEILLANCE BY MI PD. DE SALVO ALSO UNDER TWENTYFOUR HOUR SURVEILLANCE, HAS BEEN NOTED TO BE ACTUALLY WORKING NIGHTS AT

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Above information obtained 2/20/63 from [redacted] Milwaukee PD by SA John A. Holtzman.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 2/19/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

2/18/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GUDERNA, AR	92-257	BOLTEMAN
STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKERBIN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	BOLTEMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166	KNICKERBIN
[redacted]	165-71	AUSTIN
[redacted] ITWI	165-11	KNICKERBIN
[redacted] IGA	162-15	CURRAN
IGA	162-1	THOMPSON
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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that [redacted] which is their [redacted] and he does not know their present address or phone number. He advised that Sheriff CEFALU is [redacted] daily from Minneapolis, Minnesota and is [redacted] SAM CEFALU. [redacted]. He advised that [redacted] is taking care of some of the [redacted] and that he [redacted], in other words, [redacted] is not using a phone but [redacted]

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

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Informant stated that [redacted] and so does [redacted]

Informant further advised that he learned that [redacted] is the [redacted] in that no [redacted] from out of state was [redacted] with [redacted]. He advised that on [redacted] took a [redacted] unusually to go to some city to [redacted] with some [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT - MEMORANDUM

TO: FILE (92-145) Date: 2/19/63

FROM: SAC PAUL H. STODDARD

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Re Bureau airtel 2/13/63 captioned "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, AR," which referred to Bureau airtel 2/12/63 captioned "ANTHONY JOSEPH BIERNAT, aka, MISSING PERSON-MURDER."

In additional to instructions set forth by the Bureau in airtel of 2/13/63, this office desires to increase our emphasis in all of the cases to which this memorandum is being filed. The following should be vigorously pursued and/or considered in each case:

1. The development of additional informants on each subject.

2. Attempt to secure permission of each subject to take a polygraph examination.

3. Consider and attempt to develop areas where this office might be able to recommend a survey for the institution of highly confidential sources in each case.

4. Insure that dissemination of information received from informants is disseminated to appropriate files as listed in this memorandu.

5. Insure that a teletype is submitted in the JOSEPH FRANK GURERA case each day and airtels submitted in all cases each week which include summary of investigative activity.

MI 92-145
cc: (2) for: 92-265
92-227 (John J. Aiello)
94-316 (Frank P.Balistrieri)
92-165 (Steve J. DeSalvo)
92-257 (Jos.Frank Gurera)
92-164 (John C. Rizzo)
92-166 (Bustiano Veto Balestrere)
162-49 (Wm.Covelli)
92-316 (Albert Albano)
92-317 [redacted]
92-318 (Dominic Frank Principe)
92-315 (Francis Stelloh)
92-57 (Walter Brocca)
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6. Insure that the Bureau receives report in each case without fail on a 30-day basis, the first to reach the Bureau 3/1/63.

During the first 30 days of investigation in each case you should submit your observations to the SAC re above enumerated items. Should you feel that at any time in the future airtels on a weekly basis should be discontinued the Bureau should be so informed.

2/21/63

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) (P)

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
AR

Re Buairtel to Milwaukee 2/13/63 captioned "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, ANTI-RACKETEERING."

Captain [redacted] Milwaukee PD, advises that the Subject returned to Milwaukee on 2/16/63 after having been gone for a period of about three weeks. He stated that Subject returned with a new 1963 Chevrolet white and blue bearing 1963 Wisconsin license E51-896. Efforts are presently beind made to attempt to ascertain his whereabouts during the preceding three weeks. If and when this is determined, the Bureau will be advised.

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1 - Milwaukee (92-166)

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RADIOGRAM

TO: KANSAS CITY

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257)

THE CRIMINAL "COMMISSION," ET AL, MILWAUKEE DIVISION, 131/26
AR - CONSPIRACY. OO MILWAUKEE.

MILWAUKEE ADVISED BY SENTINEL REPORTER JAMES G. WEIGHART THAT JOSEPH GURERA, BUSTER BALISTRERE AND FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI WERE TO ATTEND [redacted] [redacted] TO [redacted] b6 b7C AT 11 A.M. INSTANT. HE INDICATED HE WAS GOING TO KANSAS CITY AND INTENDED WRITING A FEATURE ARTICLE CONCERNING THE GATHERING OF TOP HOODLUMS OF MILWAUKEE, CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY SHOULD THEY GATHER [redacted] INFORMATION FURNISHED KANSAS CITY BY TELEPHONE.

[redacted] HAS ADVISED THAT GURERA AND BUSTER BALISTRERE ARE [redacted] MILWAUKEE: HOWEVER, FRANK BALISTRIERI WAS SEEN IN MILWAUKEE AS LATE AT 3:30 P.M. b7D FEB. 12 LAST.

KANSAS CITY ENDEAVOR TO DISCREETLY COVER POSSIBLE MEETING OF THESE HOODLUMS AT KANSAS CITY AND MAKE EFFORT TO IDENTIFY TRANSPORTATION UTILIZED BY MILWAUKEE CHARACTERS ON THEIR RETURN TO MILWAUKEE.

MI 92-257 cc: 92-166 cc: 94-316
PHS:mg (3)

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2/21/63

PLAIN

TELETYPE URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4690)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257) (P)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR.

RE MILWAUKEE TEL FEBRUARY TWENTY LAST.

CAPTAIN [redacted] MILWAUKEE PD, STATES ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY EIGHT LAST MEN FROM HIS DEPARTMENT WERE SURVEILLING SUBJECT AT HIS RESIDENCE WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS RUSHED OUT OF SUBJECT-S HOME AND FLASH BULBS STARTED GOING OFF. STATES SUBJECT HIRED PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER BY NAME OF [redacted] WHO WAS FORMERLY A PHOTOGRAPHER FOR [redacted] [redacted] STATES ALSO PRESENT AT THE TIME BESIDES THE SUBJECT WERE STEVE DE SALVO, [redacted] [redacted] AND DOMINIC FRINZI, A HOODLUM ATTORNEY. [redacted] STATES THIS APPARENTLY AN ACT BY HOODLUM ELEMENT TO CURTAIN MILWAUKEE PD EFFORTS TO SURVEIL SUBJECT AND MAY BE USED IN EVENT SUBJECT ATTEMPTS TO FILE A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE MILWAUKEE PD FOR HARASSMENT.

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[redacted] STATES GURERA DURING PAST WEEK APPARENTLY STAYING CLOSE TO HOME. ADVISES FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

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PADLOCKED CHECKER CLEANERS FEBRUARY TWENTY LAST FOR THEIR FAILURE TO PAY WITHHOLDING TAX. STATES TAX PAID TODAY AND CHECKER CLEANERS REOPENED.

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) - P -

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALLESTRERI
AR

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 2/26/63, [redacted] FRANK BUSTER BALLESTRERI, top hoodlum, Milwaukee Office, moved into [redacted] Subject's. It is not yet known whether this will be used as an [redacted] FRANK BALLESTRERI, operator of Gallagher's Steak House.

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No information has been developed yet as to Subject's whereabouts during latter part of January, 1963 or first part of February, 1963.

Surveillance by Milwaukee FD indicates Subject again running around with the top echelon of the hoodlum element in Milwaukee but is also staying closer to home than he was several months ago.

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MI 92-257
JAH:cef

On February 25, 1963 Assistant United States Attorney, [redacted] furnished the following information to SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN with regard to [redacted]

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[redacted] to the list of persons to be subpoenaed [redacted]

[redacted] also advised that he had consulted with United States Attorney [redacted] who stated that he felt it would be feasible, and he was willing to call before the Federal Grand Jury, particular individuals [redacted]

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3110)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (94-310) (P)

SUBJECT: FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka.
AR

WEEKLY AIRTEL

On 2/28/63, [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE. Not known [redacted] BALISTRIERI's records [redacted] or not. b6 b7C

PCI states Subject spending very little time at Gallagher's and is not permitting contact by anyone. PETER BALISTRIERI only one there regularly. JOE CURERA and STEVE DE SALVO have not been in for about a month. Subject says, "Wife's never seen so much of me." No significant activities noted.

[redacted] says Subject, JOHN CHARLES RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI had a [redacted] purpose unknown, except Subject says that they would have to [redacted] b7D

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3/8/63

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) (P)

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
AR

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

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No information has been developed as to Subject's whereabouts during the latter part of January, 1963 and first part of February, 1963.

AUSA [redacted] advises that [redacted] is on the list of persons to be subpoenaed before the Federal Grand Jury [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 3/8/63

☒ CI ☐ SI b7D

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 2/25/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM
JOHN RIZZO, AR	92-164 HIGGINS
FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166 KNICKREHM
[redacted] ITWI	165-71 AUSTIN
IGA	162-1 AUSTIN
CIP	92-145 THOMPSON
THE CRIMINAL COMMISSION	92-232 THOMPSON

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Purpo[redacted]

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant stated that there has been absolutely no discussion of the BIERNAT murder among the hoodlums, particularly STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA.

He stated that [redacted], which is located in [redacted], Milwaukee. Informant said that this is the [redacted] he talked about [redacted] of FRANK BALISTRIERI being interested in [redacted] He said that [redacted] belongs to [redacted] who [redacted] on the [redacted] On the first [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI has [redacted] pinball and jukebox machines and the other day JOE GURERA [redacted] one of these machines, and informant believes that FRANK

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating: Excellent	Coverage: Gambling

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MI [redacted] b7D

BALISTRIERI is very possibly [redacted] probably in the same location in the back of juke-boxes and pinball machines. He advised that they are presently [redacted] and that JOE GURERA, STEVE DE SALVO and FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] to discuss matters. He advised that there is a [redacted] and the [redacted] are painted a white color from the bottom to half-way up each window. He further advised that [redacted] is reached by a door inside of the back [redacted] He does not believe that there is any telephone in [redacted] as yet. b7D

In regards to other [redacted] informant stated that at times STEVE DE SALVO or JOE GURERA or BUSTER BALESTRERE will [redacted] and that they [redacted] which is assigned to [redacted] but is actually used by these hoodlums [redacted] in the daytime. He said that you [redacted] and upon reaching the [redacted] there is a long counter; behind this counter, about ten feet towards the left, [redacted] and to the left of [redacted] is a door which leads to [redacted] To the right behind the counter is another door which leads to [redacted] He said that JOE, STEVE, BUSTER BALESTRERE and FRANK BALISTRIERI very seldom [redacted] except in the daytime. He also advised that at times they [redacted] at night at [redacted] at the table at the far left corner against the wall on [redacted] He stated that the Checker Cleaners, which is operated by STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA on South First Street, is a two-story building and that [redacted] that are [redacted] however, on occasion STEVE, JOE and BUSTER have been known to [redacted] matters, but this is only in the daytime. He said that they [redacted] at times at [redacted] at [redacted] and they use one of [redacted] for [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

In regards to DOMINIC FRINZI, the outfit's attorney, informant stated that FRINZI knows a great deal about the activities of the outfit and is taken into confidence by hoodlums and gamblers who are connected with the outfit. He stated that the hoodlums will tell FRINZI ahead of time what they are going to do and on several occasions have called FRINZI and told him they were going out on a certain burglary or to commit some other crime and that if they did not call him back by a certain hour that FRINZI should show up at the Police Department with a bondsman. He stated [redacted] FRINZI took place most of the time in [redacted] b7D

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III [redacted]

In regards to BUSTER BALESTRIERE, informant stated that the latter has a new car and that he returned to Milwaukee on about Saturday, [redacted] He stated that no one seems to know where BUSTER BALESTRIERE was located for approximately a [redacted]

In regards to the BIERNAT case, informant stated that he noted that there was a [redacted] supposedly involved in this murder. Informant said that JOE BALISTRIERI might have [redacted] He is the son of PETER BALISTRIERI and used to [redacted] the BALISTRIERI [redacted] PETER's [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRIERE. He said that he does not know whether this [redacted] JOE's name, but he does know that it [redacted] around the time of the BIERNAT murder. Informant stated that he understands that JOE GUERRA is going [redacted] in the near future and he will know later exactly where this is. He advised that JOHNNY RIZZO in Kenosha is [redacted] his gambling game due [redacted] from the BIERNAT murder and orders of the [redacted]

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In regards to [redacted] by the outfit, informant stated that he learned that [redacted] last week and that they [redacted] to Minneapolis for [redacted] He stated that SHERIFF CEFALU is still [redacted] daily from Minneapolis and is [redacted]

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 3/12/63

TO: SAC (92-257)

FROM: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka.
AR

Re conference 3/11/63.

It is suggested that the following personnel assignments be made and Bureau advised:

SAs THOMPSON & AUSTIN	Development of Captain [redacted] informant and/or [redacted] and other informant development in Milwaukee including survey for each CS. Also specific cases on FRANCIS STELLOH and [redacted]
SAs GASSAWAY & MULLEN	Handling of [redacted] and specific cases on ALBERT ALBANA and DOMINIC PRINCIPE plus specific leads BIERNAT investigation set out below;
SAs KNICKREHM & GETTINGS	Specific cases on JOHN AIELLO, BUSTER BALESTRERE, WALTER BROCCA and STEVE DE SALVO plus investigative leads BIERNAT investigation set out below.

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1 - 92-165	1 - SA AUSTIN
1 - 92-166	1 - SA BROWN
1 - 92-227	1 - SA FARRINGTON
1 - 92-257	1 - SA GETTINGS
1 - 92-315	1 - SA HOLTZMAN
1 - 92-316	1 - SA KNICKREHM
1 - 92-317	1 - SA GASSAWAY
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SAs FARRINGTON & BROWN	Specific cases on JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, WILLIAM COVELLI, and [redacted] plus specific leads in BIERNAT investigation set out below;	b6 b7C
SA MEEKINS	Administrative handling of leads and reporting procedures, Milwaukee, maintenance of special indices and correlation of report;	
SA HOLTZMAN	Specific cases on FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, JOSEPH FRANK GURERA plus administration of leads and investigative endeavors over-all in above cases.	

In accordance with Bureau instructions, the leads in Buairtel 3/8/63 and previous communications mentioned therein, namely, MI teletype 1/26/63 (79-56-84), MI letter 3/1/63 (79-56-269), Buairtel 2/13/63 (92-257-200) and Buairtel 3/5/63 (92-257-239), the following specific leads are set out. A number of those leads have already been covered and the ones below are those remaining to be covered.

1. Attempt to develop additional information from Captain [redacted] informant, and/or [redacted] and development of HCS - SAs THOMPSON and AUSTIN; b6 b7C b7D

2. Exploit individual believed to be weakest link with knowledge of this crime - determined to be WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI - SAs FARRINGTON and BROWN;

3. Interview associates of Victim and examine his business records and interview his customers to determine if there is any indication of pressure from the group believed responsible for his death - SAs FARRINGTON and BROWN;

4. Show suspects' photographs to witnesses who have not previously examined them and re-interview [redacted] - SAs KNICKREHM and GETTINGS;

5. Contact other juke box operators, Kenosha area, for possibility that they have received heat from the outfit - SAs KNICKREHM and GETTINGS;

6. Re-interview [redacted] GURERA, ET AL, [redacted] - SAs KNICKREHM and GETTINGS;

7. Re-interview [redacted] who allegedly advised USA, Milwaukee, that BIERNAT [redacted] Determine basis for this statement - SAs GASSAWAY and MULLEN;

8. Re-contact [redacted] specifically relative to [redacted] which allegedly [redacted] bearing Wisconsin license, letter unknown, numerals [redacted] and if pertinent identify registered owner - SAs GASSAWAY and MULLEN;

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9. Leads for other offices to contact informants, determine the state of issue and identity of individual observed by [redacted] with license [redacted] consider circularization as to hit car, obtain info from Chicago re cars cut up in Waukegan hijacking case, and other leads as they arise - SA HOLTZMAN;

10. Completely review report 3/1/63 and set out and assign leads obtained from it - SA HOLTZMAN.

Agents to whom the above leads are assigned should keep in mind the possibility of using Polygraph and where feasible obtain Polygraph waivers. Also to be kept in mind are the existence among physical evidence of identifiable shovel markings from the grave, peculiarity of the soil from the grave's site which may be adherent to clothing of suspects or their cars, the fact that Victim's blood type AB or B with a weak A factor is rare and any traces of it on clothing or automobiles of suspects would be very significant, the existence of several shoe prints suitable for comparison (photographs have been requested from the Lab); the existence of several latent fingerprints and one latent palm print.

The obtaining of urine specimens will be of no value to the Lab but may be of some psychological value in interviewing suspects.

Please feel free to consult with SA HOLTZMAN on the basis for or background concerning any of the above or other leads.

3/15/63

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) - P

BUSTER BALESTRERE
AR

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Surveillances by Milwaukee P.D. reflect BALESTRERE staying close to home.

[redacted] advised that Subject appeared to be rather excited about the fact that STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA [redacted] and suspected that he might be next. Informant advised that BALESTRERE indicated that he might [redacted] for a few days in order to [redacted] b7D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 2-28-63

☐ CI ☐ SI

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

2-26-63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, aka AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA - AR	92-57	KNICKERBOCKER
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO - AR	92-165	KNICKERBOCKER
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka AR	92-166	KNICKERBOCKER
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO - AR	92-164	HIGGINS

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

WILLIAM COVELLI, IGA-WS	162-49	HIGGINS
ANTHONY J. BIRKHAT - Murder	79-56	

Informant furnished the following information re FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI and associates:

On Saturday evening, [redacted] BALISTRIERI, JOHN RIZZO and WEISER COVELLI [redacted] and talked alone for the most part, but for a short time with LOUIS FAZIO. COVELLI was described by informant as a weak sister, and he appeared to be very scared on this occasion. During the evening, BALISTRIERI made statements indicating that the outfit was going to [redacted] and that as a result of the BIRKHAT killing, heat was coming in from all over this area including Kenosha, Antioch, Illinois, where the Vernon Hills Country Club was located, as an aftermath of the BIRKHAT killing and even from Elgin, Illinois resulting in a disgusted attitude as to

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating: GOOD	Coverage: AR Matters

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BALISTRIERI's and GURERA's activities in killing BIERMAT.

It was a matter of conjecture among Italian businessmen outside the outfit to the effect that GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE will be leaving Milwaukee shortly because of all the heat that they have brought on the city and will possibly go back to Kansas City. Informant said there was no word that he knew of from the outfit to this effect.

Informant said that on [redacted] either PETER BALISTRIERI or DOMINIC FRIMZI brought GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO [redacted] and brought the [redacted] with them, which created [redacted] among the Italian businessmen present for their [redacted] They could not make much of a point of the presence of those individuals because they had been brought as guests by a member, but they were very disturbed about it.

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BALISTRIERI, according to the informant, is taking all possible means to [redacted] on the Internal Revenue case against him, and is arranging with [redacted] throughout the country [redacted] his [redacted] from these people.

Internal Revenue is apparently aware of this, as they are known to have checked the list who allegedly loaned FRANK some money and found out that he had, in fact, made a loan to BALISTRIERI.

With regard to the BIERMAT murder, informant said that there has been absolutely no talk brought to his attention to shed any light on the details of this or the specific individuals involved.

Informant said that from what he has heard of the [redacted] he feels that WALTER BROCCA would be a very good suspect, because of his experience in trenching and cement work. Informant said that Kenosha is now closed tight as a result of the BIERMAT killing.

MI [redacted] b7D

Items of information known about Captain [redacted] informant were furnished to this informant in an effort to determine who it might be, and he suggested that [redacted] might fit the description as he is [redacted] MANIACI and BROCCA and has known [redacted] for a period of time in recent years, and is [redacted] Milwaukee. Informant did not know of GUERRA ever having anything to do with [redacted] but did say he considered it to be a benefit. b6 b7C b7D

Informant said that he had heard that SAM FERRARA was being [redacted] Milwaukee and [redacted], and informant is at a complete loss to understand the reason for this as FERRARA is believed by him to be an old-time powerful figure who is now completely out of the picture.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 3/18/63

☒ CI ☐ SI b7D

FROM : SA JOHN H. CASSAWAY

☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 3/4/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166	KNICKREHM
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164	HIGGINS
[redacted] ITWI	165-71	AUSTIN
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON
LA CAUSA NOSTRA	92-262	THOMPSON
IGA	162-1	AUSTIN

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant stated that the outfit [redacted] on Sunday night, [redacted] which was sort of [redacted] in that FRANK BALISTRIERI was [redacted] and [redacted] He stated, however, that it is heard that most of the top men in the outfit from Milwaukee [redacted] [redacted] and there was [redacted] these individuals later.

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Informant further advised that JOE GURERA [redacted] [redacted] on Newport Avenue, but he does not know exactly the location of the [redacted] He advised that there is no conversation as to where BUSTER BALESTRERE spent his time for approximately a [redacted] when he disappeared from Milwaukee. Informant stated that he has asked several of BUSTER's closest associates and relatives with negative results. He said that it is very possible that even BUSTER's

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating: Excellent

Coverage: Gambling

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family does not know where he spent his time.

Informant advised that [redacted] returned to Milwaukee on about Wednesday, [redacted] and is associating a great deal with HARRY D'ANGELO and also hangs around MIKE ALBANO's Pizza joint at 16th and Wells Street known as Angelo's. b6 b7C b7D

Informant further advised that [redacted] is now located on [redacted] but he does not know the exact address or phone number. He said that [redacted] and SAM CEFALU are [redacted] and they won't give it to anyone else. He stated that JOE ALIOTA and SHERIFF CEFALU are [redacted] and the SHERIFF is [redacted] daily for [redacted]

Informant stated that JOHNNY RIZZO is still not operating his craps game at Kenosha, Wisc., as the Police Chief there has not yet given out the word to the gamblers that they can start operating again.

He advised that there is no talk at all on the BIERNAT murder; in fact, it is not discussed among the hoodlums and this leads him to believe more than ever that it was the handywork of the Milwaukee outfit.

Informant stated that the same Italian gamblers and night club operators are [redacted] and that JOE GURRERA and STEVE DE SALVO have not as yet contacted [redacted] in the Milwaukee area for [redacted] as they do not believe the time is right. He advised that when these two individuals feel that things are just right they will probably [redacted] in the Milwaukee area, including [redacted] although usually [redacted] has nothing to do [redacted] but in a matter such as a [redacted] they will contact anyone from whom they believe they can [redacted]

Informant stated that in a conversation held recently with FRANK DALISTRIERI the latter gave the impression that the Kansas City and Chicago outfits are [redacted] and he is definitely [redacted] in Milwaukee in every respect and whatever he says goes. Informant stated that the

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MANIACIs, [redacted] and other individuals in the outfit who have been [redacted] BALISTRIERI's leadership are [redacted] to BALISTRIERI but are biding their time to go against him. He said that FRANK made the remark that if he needed them he could get help of [redacted] by making two phone calls out of town.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 3/20/63

FROM : SA X ALBERT D. KNICKREHM

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

3/12/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

[redacted], ITWI	165-11	KNICKREHM
JOHN AIELLO, aka AE	92-227	KNICKREHM
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AE	92-266	KNICKREHM
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON
IGA	162-1	AUSTIN
LA CAUSA NOSTRA	92-262	THOMPSON

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that [redacted] contacted [redacted] a total of [redacted] He stated that they also gave the [redacted] He advised that while this is not a way to [redacted] it does give the [redacted] He advised that the [redacted] He stated that after they [redacted] said, "These jerks don't know what they're doing," thereby indicating that [redacted] did not think much of [redacted]

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Informant advised that [redacted] and JOHN AIELLO are [redacted] and that both of them have been hanging around [redacted] the past two or three days with HARRY DI ANGELO. He stated that DI ANGELO owns part

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating: Excellent	Coverage: Gambling

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of Angelo's Pizza at 16th and Wells with MIKE ALBANO. He stated that JOHN AIELLO is talking about [redacted] and attempted to [redacted] from [redacted] He stated that AIELLO [redacted] who goes by the name of [redacted] in [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE is planning on [redacted], especially after having heard that JOE GUERRA and STEVE DE SALVO [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 3/20/63

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

[X] CI [ ] SI
[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 3/12/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

[redacted] IGA	162-23	CURRAN
BILL COLE, ITWI	165-46	THOMPSON
ROBERT PICK, ITWI	165-12	KNICKREHM
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166	KNICKREHM
FRANK STELLOH, AR	92-315	MULLEN
WILLIAM COVELLI, IGA	162-49	HIGGINS
AL ALBANA, AR	92-316	MULLEN
JOHN RIZZO, AR	92-164	HIGGINS
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON
IGA	162-1	AUSTIN
LA CAUSA NOSTRA	92-262	THOMPSON

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Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE
[ ] POSITIVE

Informant advised that BILL COLE [redacted] on [redacted] and wanted [redacted] Informant stated that according to [redacted] when [redacted] Detectives [redacted] were leaving. Informant advised that COLE [redacted] that [redacted] on JOE GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO and that [redacted] at 11:30 that night. These [redacted]

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating Excellent

Coverage Gambling

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[redacted] BILL COLE, BOB PICK, [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE, [redacted] and FRANCIS STELLOH. He advised that TONY PETROLLE heard about this and felt that he would [redacted]. He advised that BILL COLE was quite drunk and also appeared to be quite [redacted]

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Informant stated that [redacted] from [redacted] on the evening of [redacted] and according to [redacted] He stated that [redacted] BILL "WIESER" COVELLI in [redacted] and that COVELLI was already there.

Informant stated that [redacted] called LOUIE GRECO in Kenosha on the evening of [redacted] and inquired as to RIZZO's whereabouts stating he had some information for RIZZO. He stated that GRECO advised that RIZZO wasn't around town and that [redacted] then stated he [redacted] RIZZO and ALBANA that there were [redacted] that night and that both the names of RIZZO and ALBANA had been mentioned. GRECO stated that both RIZZO and ALBANA were out of town and [redacted] Informant surmised that from the conversation both ALBANA and RIZZO may well [redacted] Informant advised that TONY "SHERIFF" CEFALU will be [redacted] and that [redacted] that need to be run. He advised that GRECO also stated that COVELLI was not around either.

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 3/20/63

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4690)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257) (P)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka.
AR

Re Buairtel 2/13/63 requiring initial report on individuals listed page two to reach the Bureau by March 1, 1963 and thereafter without fail on a thirty-day basis.

It is requested the Bureau authority be granted to submit the second report in these matters to reach the Bureau by April 5 and thereafter on a thirty-day basis. This will provide considerable relief to the end of the month problems in the stenographic pool. Bureau consideration in this regard will be appreciated and presumed UACB.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) (P)

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
AR

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

[redacted] advised on 3/22/63 that he has received no information as to where Subject disappeared to during the latter part of January and first part of February, 1963. He advised however that it appears that Subject has still [redacted] with the local outfit. b7D

On [redacted], Wis. who stated that he [redacted] RIZZO's gambling place in Kenosha since [redacted] advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE appeared to be [redacted] about a year and a half ago.

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) -P-

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRIERE
AR

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Agent to whom case assigned has been supervising on SAC desk all week as SAC out of town on DR conferences.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 4/3/63

☐ CI ☐ SI

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
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Dates of Contact: 3/21/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER DALESTRERE, AR	92-310 HOLTZMAN
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-105 MILCHREMI
BUSTER DALESTRERE, AR	92-103 MILCHREMI
DOMINIC FRINZI, AR	92-222 C
WALTER GROSSA, AR	92-57 MILCHREMI

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant said that BUSTER DALESTRERE and JOE GURERA still have [redacted] and informant feels sure that both of them are [redacted] They are not even spoken of [redacted]

On Friday, [redacted] STEVE DE SALVO [redacted] briefly and talked to DOMINIC FRINZI, [redacted] There were two other unknown Italians in the group whom informant thinks were [redacted]

Informant feels that if BUSTER is available that he would be the one soft spot in the group as he gives every appearance when last seen of being desparate for attention "even going so far as to [redacted]

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Prior to the time that he [redacted], he was being treated as [redacted] by all of them and [redacted] no matter how [redacted]

FRANK BALISTRIERI: [redacted] every evening, usually during the course of the evening, except on Monday nights when he [redacted] Informant feels THEY THINK IT ALL RIGHT to [redacted] who [redacted] but who have not been in there since the BIERNAT case broke for [redacted] and discussing things.

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Of the [redacted] hung around with BALISTRIERI, only [redacted] FRANK CICHELLI and [redacted] seem to come around.

On the night of [redacted] FRANK emerged from [redacted] and said that he had to leave right away. He was gone approximately an hour and returned with [redacted] at about eleven PM. These men, which informant described as [redacted] possibly [redacted], were very convivial and [redacted] She has never seen them before, said they were all very well dressed and laughed and joked with BALISTRIERI all evening long.

[redacted] of age, believed to be the [redacted] JOE GUERRA, stop in almost daily for 15 to 20 minutes at 12:30 to 1:30 AM. They visit briefly with FRANK, which seems to be their only purpose for coming in.

With regard to the [redacted] informant said that [redacted] and has been for the past two months. She is always crying that she has no money, FRANK has no money and there is none available. In addition to her worrisome [redacted] and the other [redacted] FCI's last [redacted] and FRANK simply say they don't [redacted] they'll take care of it when they can.

[redacted] is only there on Saturday NIGHTS and [redacted] apparently is GONE. [redacted] is completely obnoxious, not

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only to the [redacted] but even to FRANK to a point where informant feels [redacted] on FRANK. [redacted] likewise. [redacted] is unknown to informant, but she will endeavor to identify.

[redacted] identity will be furnished, [redacted] is believed by informant and others to be a [redacted] as she [redacted] claiming that she [redacted] desperately because [redacted] Now, when the [redacted] a few months later and she is asked about it, she says, "I don't know; I haven't [redacted] Additionally, when there was something going on [redacted] during the time that GUERRA, etal, were active there she could [redacted] When [redacted] she would hang around until [redacted] Now, with things quiet, when [redacted] she leaves and the other night left about a [redacted] and turned [redacted] that was worth a [redacted]

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A [redacted] named [redacted] could be considered as a source of information as she was [redacted] BALDETRIERI but it was [redacted]

[redacted] who was formerly at [redacted] seems to be [redacted] with someone who hangs around there, possibly GUERRA. She may be out of town now, but she [redacted] as no questions were asked if she did not [redacted]

Informant was shown several pictures, and among them she picked out a picture of AL ALBANA as an individual that she has seen [redacted] She cannot connect him with the [redacted] or around the [redacted], but she does believe that he was there the night when [redacted] were [redacted] This was on the night of [redacted] and previously reported. This individual was not connected with [redacted] but was at [redacted], and FRANK encouraged him to [redacted] the [redacted] Informant [redacted] him.

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Informant tentitively identified a photograph of DOMINIC PRINCIPE as an individual who had [redacted] on the night of [redacted] She was uncertain of this identity and said she had never seen the individual before, but she was [redacted] to his [redacted] as she passed him in [redacted]

With reference to conversation previously reported between FRANK BALISTRIERI, JOE GUERRA, STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALISTRIERI and an individual named [redacted] referred to in Serial 9, page 2, informant said that as far as the conversation can be recalled, [redacted] and STEVE were trying to convince JOE GUERRA, who was disapproving their plans, as to what informant thought was [redacted] having something to do with the jukebox business. She specifically recalled a statement that one of them made, "We can get a guy to do it for us," and she specifically recalled [redacted] say, "It's cheap if you have it [redacted]" She also recalls STEVE making the statement, "At least it will be legitimate, and anyway they can't bother us." b6 b7C b7D

Informant said that she had the impression that they were talking about [redacted] in connection with the jukebox operation they had been discussing [redacted] for a few days previous. When it was suggested that they may have been talking about BIRNHAT's [redacted] informant still was unable to recall anything further in the way of conversation which would signify that it was or was not referring to the [redacted]

Informant said that to her knowledge there had never been any [redacted] nor any people that were known to be [redacted] She did relate the following incident, however:

Shortly after BIRNHAT's body was found, a young, rough looking man, about [redacted] with grimy hands, and accompanied by a scrouggy dishwater blonde and a man who was drunk, [redacted] JOE BALISTRIERI (son of PETE), and [redacted] said to JOE, "He said you were suppose to [redacted] When JOE refused, the man laughed heartily, [redacted] and then sent [redacted] (JOE) [redacted] JOE became very angry and told [redacted] and get them out of here. He later described the fellow as "a wise guy."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 4/6/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
4/1/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKERBEIN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94316	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka AR	92-100	KNICKERBEIN
FRANCIS STELLOW, AR	92-315	MULLEN
IGA	162-1	AUSTIN
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON
LA CAUSA NOSTRA	92-232	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant stated that as far as he knows JOE GURERA has not returned to Milwaukee from Kansas City since he went there on [redacted] He stated that he heard that JOE GURERA may have possibly [redacted] but he did not see him and the source of his information is not too reliable so he could not say for certain that GURERA [redacted] He advised that GURERA will make [redacted] as long as the [redacted] are going on. Informant stated that no one in the outfit seems to know JOE GURERA's plans at the present time.

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He stated that JOE ALIOTO, son of JOHN ALIOTO and brother-in-law of FRANK BALISTRIERI, has for the time-being evidently [redacted] JOE GURERA's [redacted] He said that ALIOTO is presently at Misericordia Hospital and that

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating: Excellent	Coverage: Gambling

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SHERIFF CEFALU, STEVE DE SALVO and several other hoodlums met with ALIOTO in his hospital room on Wednesday, [redacted] and also on another occasion during the week of [redacted] date unknown.

Informant stated that from what he can learn JOE ALIOTO is definitely [redacted] and is taking a more active part in [redacted] the outfit daily. He stated that the outfit is presently at a standstill and is very quiet in their operations but that as soon as they know where they stand on the [redacted] things will start again. He advised that STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER DALESTRERE are very quiet these days and that they are still [redacted] on a weekly basis. However, they are not contacting these individuals in person and [redacted] but are having them [redacted] at [redacted] and particularly [redacted] He stated that all of their business is [redacted] for the time-being and in some cases, where it is really important, [redacted] for them.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 4/17/03

☐ CI ☐ SI

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICHRENI

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
PCI

Dates of Contact	3/23/03

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER DALESTRIERI, AR	92-316	HOLTZMAN
JOSEPH FRANK GURMA, aka AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICHRENI
EUSTIN DALESTRIERE, AR	92-166	KNICHRENI

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

PCI advised that [redacted] inasmuch as she became involved in [redacted] on Thursday, [redacted] She stated that on that evening [redacted] wanted her to [redacted] and [redacted] She advised that she refused to do so and that they [redacted] She advised that she has had difficulty in [redacted] which she received from [redacted] She stated that she has been [redacted] and that her [redacted] She stated that [redacted] called this to her attention and that she then found out from him that [redacted] which she had [redacted] but that [redacted] has been [redacted] and sending them through a day or so later at which time they [redacted]

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She advised that there is [redacted] and she can't understand how they [redacted] She advised that [redacted] now and that she is planning on calling them to see if she [redacted]

She advised that BUSTER BALISTRERI has not been seen around [redacted] since some time before BIERNAT's body was found. She also advised that neither JOE GURRRA nor STEVE DE SALVO have been around [redacted] since BIERNAT's body was found. She stated that she heard GURRRA [redacted] She advised that STEVE DE SALVO was [redacted] for just a few minutes the [redacted] to talk to FRANK BALISTRIERI and was very upset about his [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

She advised that the [redacted] who she believes [redacted] PETER BALISTRIERI. She advised that [redacted] and is in a position to know who was [redacted] She stated that [redacted] and that she talks too much. She stated that she believes [redacted] might talk to the FBI should she be approached by an Agent. She also advised that [redacted] at [redacted] by the name of [redacted] whom she described as being a short, strawberry blonde, [redacted] She stated that [redacted] PETER BALISTRIERI but that presently she [redacted] someone else who is not associated [redacted] She stated that [redacted] might be cooperative should she be approached by the FBI.

FCI stated that she doesn't believe that she can be [redacted] unless she could contact FRANK BALISTRIERI. She advised, however, that in order to get to FRANK she would have to [redacted] would not permit it. She stated that she believes [redacted] because she may have found out that FRANK [redacted] with him. She advised that she would be willing [redacted] but in view of what has happened felt it might look suspicious if she [redacted] It was suggested to her that she contact FRANK BALISTRIERI directly and ask him to send [redacted] This would give FRANK an [redacted] again, which he probably would do thereby [redacted] without creating any suspicion. She advised that she would do this.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 4/4/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

3/22/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166 KNICKREHM
[redacted] IGA	165-71 AUSTIN
CIP	92-145 THOMPSON
IGA	162-1 AUSTIN
LA CAUSA NOSTRA	92-262 THOMPSON

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that JOE GUERRA went [redacted] on Tuesday, [redacted] and returned to Milwaukee on [redacted] evidently in order to talk to STEVE DE SALVO after the [redacted] in Milwaukee [redacted]

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Informant advised that the outfit has [redacted] at the present time as JOE GUERRA, STEVE DE SALVO, FRANK BALISTRIERI and BUSTER BALESTRERE are under constant surveillance by the Milwaukee PD Security Squad and that most of their business is [redacted] other hoodlums. He stated that they very seldom even talk in [redacted] for fear that they may be [redacted] He advised that the outfit is

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still [redacted] from the Italian gamblers and night clubs from which they have been [redacted] He said that [redacted] every Monday [redacted] SAM CEFALU [redacted] "SHERIFF" CEFALU, and that STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] the gamblers and the night clubs during each week and [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant advised that JOE ALIOTO, son of JOHN ALIOTO and brother-in-law of FRANK BALISTRIERI, who operates Alioto's Restaurant on Highway 100, is now taking a more active part in [redacted] and he believes that JOE may very possibly [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI goes to prison on income tax charges. He advised that JOE is presently in Misericordia Hospital suffering with some sort of heart trouble.

Informant advised that [redacted] no relation to the JOE ALIOTO referred to above, who [redacted] LAST WEEK over giving some of [redacted] Informant explained that this is considered to be a [redacted] and that [redacted] and they [redacted] They were in [redacted] from [redacted] there. Informant advised that JOE GUERRA and STEVE DE SALVO were very upset [redacted] actions and wanted to [redacted] then went to the hospital and saw JOE ALIOTO, and the latter made him tell just what he had done wrong while [redacted] in the way of [redacted] he had given [redacted] etc. After discussing the matter with him, JOE ALIOTO ordered DE SALVO and GUERRA and "SHERIFF" CEFALU to put JOE ALIOTO back on [redacted] and he is now [redacted] for [redacted] and the matter is considered straightened out.

In regards to BUSTER BALESTRERE, informant stated that BALESTRERE still seems to be rather [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GUERRA in that they [redacted] him and do not seem to take him into [redacted] He said that many times the above three will be observed in [redacted]

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or some other place and HUNTER BALLSTREET will be around, but he is [redacted] itself. Informant believes that HUNTER must have [redacted] or must have [redacted] in order to be in such [redacted] at the present time.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 4/19/63

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 4/8 and 4/10/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, aka AR	92-257	KOLTMAN
STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKERBOCKER
DUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166	KNICKERBOCKER
FRANK PETER BALESTRIERI, aka AR	94-316	KOLTMAN
LA CAUSA NOSTRA	92-252	THOMPSON
IGA	162-1	AUSTIN
	92-145	thompson

Purpose and results of contact CIP

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

On 4/8/63, informant stated that he learned definitely that JOE GUERRA was [redacted] the weekend of [redacted] and that he has not as yet indicated his intentions as to whether he will [redacted] It is informant's opinion that GUERRA will very possibly come [redacted] and in the meantime keep his hands in the affairs here of the outfit, after [redacted] from [redacted]

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On 4/10/63, informant stated that DUSTER BALESTRERE appears [redacted] during the daytime but stays home the majority of nights and seems to take very little part in the outfit's activities at the present time. He stated that DUSTER is [redacted] each Monday

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

Personal Data

92-166-208
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1-92-257 1-92-165 1-92-166
JHG:ha 1-94-316 1-92-252
(8) 1-162-1 1-92-145

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and usually contacts [redacted] at the latter's home. However, on Monday, [redacted] BUSTER met [redacted] at [redacted] He also stated that as far as he knows STEVE DE SALVO is [redacted] from the gamblers and tavern owners. He said that for the time being they are [redacted] more gamblers and tavern keepers [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant also advised that VINCE MERCURIO, also known as "MC GURK," is a man of real influence in the outfit and is also a very influential Republican in this area, having been Republican Committeeman for Wisconsin for quite a period of time. He stated that MERCURIO has a great many political contacts among higher-ups in politics and through those arranges beneficial contacts for the outfit.

In regards to JOE GURERA having [redacted] from Kansas City in the [redacted] informant stated that he did not know to whom GURERA made [redacted] He said that they [redacted] ...urred while GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO were [redacted] at the [redacted] and that the individuals who [redacted] were evidently Chicago men, although he cannot be certain of this.

Informant was questioned as to where the outfit [redacted] which represents [redacted] of gamblers and tavern keepers. He stated that STEVE DE SALVO [redacted] man" but that STEVE does not [redacted] with him, and he has no idea just where he keeps it unless it would be [redacted] or possibly [redacted] or [redacted] Informant stated that even JOE GURERA did not have [redacted] and thathe had to go to DE SALVO when he [redacted]

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 4/22/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI

☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
4/16/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165	MINICHRINI
FRANK PETER DALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
LUSTER DALESTRIERE, aka AR	92-166	MINICHRINI
FRANCIS STULLOM, AR	92-315	MULLEN
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

IGA	162-1	AUSTIN
LA CAUSA NOSTRA	92-262	THOMPSON
CRIME CONDITIONS IN WISC.	92-255	THOMPSON

Informant advised that as far as he knows JOE GURERA has [redacted] since the weekend of [redacted] and there is no talk at all among members of the outfit as to GURERA's plans. He advised that everything seems to indicate that JOE ALIOTO [redacted] GURERA's [redacted] if the latter does decide [redacted] He said that JOE ALIOTO has now developed pneumonia as well as heart trouble and is still in Misericordia Hospital. He said that on [redacted] FRANK DALISTRIERI, SHERIFF CEFALU and STEVE DE SALVO are meeting with JOE ALIOTO at his hospital room, purpose of the meeting unknown; however, it may be in regards to the [redacted] establishment known as [redacted]

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	Excellent	Gambling

Personal Data

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1-92-166 1-92-315 1-92-145
JHG:bm 1-162-1 1-92-262
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Informant stated that FRANK STELLONI is now working at Ford. VA Hospital, on construction work along with [redacted] SAM DI MAGGIO and JOHN TRILIEGI. Informant stated that he has learned that FRANK BALISTRIERI and STEVE DE SALVO may very possibly have a [redacted] in Milwaukee area.

He stated that approximately [redacted] a small Italian man from Chicago, Ill., contacted [redacted] in Milwaukee and that [redacted] sent this individual to JOE GUERRA. On the night of [redacted] informant learned that on that night [redacted] met this individual [redacted] and the latter thanked him for the introduction to JOE GUERRA and then said that he was [redacted] Informant said that this individual, whose name is unknown to him, could not be [redacted] from the outfit and that he would have to [redacted] He described this individual as about 5'4", 180 lbs., dark complexion, black curly hair, about [redacted] of age. He said that he looks a great deal like [redacted] with the exception of the fact that he does not have receding hair.

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Informant advised that STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE are still [redacted] Italian gamblers and night club operators but that BUSTER is only permitted [redacted] and STEVE DE SALVO takes care of the rest of them. He said that BUSTER still is very inactive in the affairs of the outfit and is very seldom taken into STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE's [redacted] He advised that the outfit claims that they [redacted] at the present time and they very possibly will [redacted] gamblers and night club operators in the near future as soon as the [redacted] end.

In regards to the trial of FRANK BALISTRIERI on the charge of letting B-girls sit with customers at the Downtowner Tavern, which is owned by BALISTRIERI, informant noted that the jury found BALISTRIERI not guilty of the charge and that the case was heard before Judge CHRIST SERAPHIM whom he previously had advised was [redacted] JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI at [redacted], while they were there in [redacted] Informant said that he learned that BALISTRIERI feels that SERAPHIM [redacted] in the case by [redacted] any more time to [redacted] He stated that on the final afternoon of the trial

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the prosecution requested that it be continued until the next morning so that they could locate this witness from Illinois. Judge SERAFIN told prosecution that they had had enough time to locate this witness and ordered the case to go to the jury that afternoon. BALISTRIERI feels that if Judge SERAFIN had [redacted] until the next day [redacted] and BALISTRIERI would have [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

In regards to allegations by Asst. District Attorney [redacted] that he was [redacted] by some hoodlum sitting in the courtroom, informant stated that he had learned that [redacted] actually [redacted] BALISTRIERI's [redacted] but he does not know his identity. He stated that [redacted] was picked up by detectives for questioning concerning this as his photo had been identified by [redacted] as the individual who [redacted] He further advised that [redacted] denied even being near that [redacted] and was released.

In regards to [redacted] statement to the court that he had also been told by a [redacted] during the trial "There are many [redacted] informant stated that this was DOMINIC FRINZI, attorney for the outfit, but he did not represent BALISTRIERI in this case as it was felt unwise to use him in this instance. He stated that FRINZI did not actually [redacted] with the remark.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 5/6/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 4/23/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GURRERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-105	MINCHELLI
FRANK PETER DALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-310	HOLTZMAN
DUSTER DALESTRIERI, AR	92-103	MINCHELLI
FRANCIS STELLON, aka AR	92-315	THOMPSON
LA CAUSA NOSTRA	92-202	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

ICA	102-1	AUSTIN
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that he had now learned that JOE GURRERA definitely was [redacted] that he may [redacted] from time to time but that is all. He stated that GURRERA [redacted] on orders of FRANK DALISTRIERI as the latter [redacted] at him for [redacted] Informant pointed out that JOE GURRERA was [redacted] the whole town for the outfit and they started this job by organizing the Italian ramblers and a few Italian night club operators in [redacted] but that he [redacted] that he created [redacted] on everyone concerned.

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He stated that as far as is known at the present time no one will take JOE GURRERA's place in the outfit right now. He advised that GURRERA [redacted] as he had

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	Excellent	Gambling

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1-92-257 1-92-105 1-94-310
1-92-103 1-92-315 1-92-202
JHG:bs 1-102-1 1-92-145
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[redacted] but that FRANK BALISTRIERI demanded that he [redacted] and he was backed up on this by the Kansas City outfit. He further advised that as far as he knows GUERRA's [redacted] are going to [redacted] and continue [redacted]

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Informant stated that a young Italian by the name of [redacted] has now moved up in the outfit and [redacted] STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] and is [redacted] which is a [redacted] He described [redacted] as around [redacted] of age, 5'10", black hair, brown eyes, medium build, wears black horn-rimmed glasses and ruddy complexion. He said that he [redacted] every night and also at the [redacted] Informant advised that [redacted] JOHN ALIOTO's family and also to JOE DENTICE, a son-in-law of JOHN ALIOTO and brother-in-law of FRANK BALISTRIERI, and was evidently [redacted] of this relationship. Informant said that [redacted] gamblers and night club operators by [redacted] or establishments on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

He advised that STEVE DE SALVO is [redacted] about something these days and is [redacted] He stated that it may be that STEVE is [redacted] in the outfit now that BALISTRIERI has [redacted] GUERRA and may [redacted] with DE SALVO also.

Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI is very pleased and happy over Federal Judge CRUBO's decision in the IRS case, ordering all of BALISTRIERI's records to be turned back to him due to a defect in the search warrant and that FRANK [redacted] Informant said that the winning an acquittal in the State case involving B-girls sitting with patrons at the Downtowner Tavern and the overruling of the search warrant and the throwing out of the evidence obtained by IRS Agents has [redacted] BALISTRIERI in the outfit. He stated that the Italians now feel that BALISTRIERI [redacted] he wants to as he beat both the local and federal government in cases they had against him.

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He said that BALISTRIERI is now [redacted]
and is presently considering [redacted]

Informant stated that when FRANK BALISTRIERI is approached by any hoodlum not fully trusted by him concerning an okay for some criminal activity, that FRANK will [redacted] He will merely tell the individual that "he will [redacted] STEVE DE SALVO to this hoodlum [redacted] with him and [redacted] has really been [redacted] FRANK himself. Informant pointed out that FRANK would give a [redacted] individuals as BUSTER BALISTRERE, FRANK STELLGI, [redacted] MIKE ALEANO, and after those [redacted]

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Informant advised that JOE ALIOTO is in extremely bad physical condition and is reportedly dying of heart trouble and pneumonia at the present time.

He further advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE is still [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and STEVE DE SALVO and that they still [redacted] practically [redacted]

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 5/14/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[X] CI [ ] SI [ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

4/29/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANCIS CONRAD STELLOH, aka, AR	92-315 THOMPSON
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166 KNICKREHM
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
CIP	92-145 THOMPSON
IGA	162-1 AUSTIN
LA CAUSA NOSTRA	92-262 THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE
[ ] POSITIVE

Informant stated that FRANK STELLOH is still working on construction work at the VA Hospital at Wood, Wisc., and is still going with his girl friend, who has an interest in a [redacted] He said that he heard that this girl friend is going to [redacted] on both her and STELLOH at the present [redacted] always seems to have [redacted] on them.

Informant stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE is not being seen [redacted] at all these days and is extremely quiet. He further advised that JOE GURERA is definitely out of the picture [redacted] and that GURERA supposedly has an [redacted] and

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating: Excellent	Coverage: Gambling

Personal Data

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1-94-316
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he is [redacted]
According to rumors he has picked up, informant said that GURERA is [redacted] several other Kansas City members and that they [redacted] in both Kansas City, Ks., and Kansas City, Mo.

Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI is very quiet at the present time and seems to be [redacted] as to ordering the approach of other individuals [redacted] He said that the Italian gamblers and night club operators already approached are still [redacted] but there is no special place at the present time for this.

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Informant stated that most of the outfit and hoodlum activity has quieted down a great deal in the last month and that everyone is suspicious of everyone else, and he cannot effect any questions as this would definitely make these individuals suspicious of him. He said that he now understands that JOE ALIOTO is in fairly good condition at Misericordia Hospital and may very possibly recover from his heart condition.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 5/16/63

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

[X] CI [ ] SI
[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 5/6/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka	92-166 KNICKREHM
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
CRIME CONDITIONS IN WISCONSIN	92-255 THOMPSON
CIP	92-145 THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE
[ ] POSITIVE

Informant advised that a small compact car, possibly a [redacted] which car was being driven by BUSTER BALESTRERE, was observed by him. He stated that BUSTER and FRANK BALISTRIERI were [redacted] This information was given to SA JOHN HOLTZMAN.

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 5/15/63

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

☒ CI ☐ SI
☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

5/6/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANCIS CONRAD STELLOH, aka AR	92-315 THOMPSON
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka AR	92-166 KNICKREHM
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI	MX-94-316 HOLTZMAN
CIP	92-145 THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that JOE GURERA has [redacted] He stated that he has not seen him [redacted] for some time. He advised that STELLOH is presently working on construction at the Veterans Hospital, Wood, Wisc. He stated that STELLOH [redacted] every day.

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With regard to STEVE DE SALVO, he advised that DE SALVO is working every day at the cleaners at 1012 So. 1st St. He advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE is doing nothing but that he is around town. He advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI has been relatively inactive recently and that the pressure has eased considerably with [redacted] He stated that only those who [redacted] adding that he knows that [redacted] are making [redacted] as well as PETROLLE.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

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SAC, Milwaukee (94-316) 5/17/63

SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN P

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka
AR

OO: Milwaukee

On 5/6/63, [redacted] advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE was driving a small [redacted] compact car, possibly a [redacted] bearing Wisc. license [redacted] and that FRANK BALISTRIERI was with him; that they were attending a [redacted] somewhere in the vicinity [redacted]

The above car was spotted by SA LE GRAND and the writer in front of [redacted] where it remained for the period one to three PM when the surveillance was discontinued. No individuals known to surveilling Agents were observed at the address (which is [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE's [redacted]) or the car. b6 b7C b7D

Also observed in a parking lot next to this residence were a number of cars, only one of which could be identified by license number on the street, and this was a [redacted] bearing Wis. license [redacted]

Just prior to three o'clock, a [redacted] compact [redacted] bearing Wis. license [redacted] pulled up in front of this address, but the destination of the occupant was not noted.

The above [redacted] driven by BALESTRERE and bearing license [redacted] is registered to [redacted]

The [redacted] bearing Wis. license [redacted] is registered to [redacted], Milwaukee, Wisc.

The [redacted] compact, [redacted] is registered to [redacted]

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The address [redacted] is an up and down flat with the current City Directory reflecting that [redacted] (wife [redacted], no occupation shown, phone BRoadway 6-2862, and [redacted] (wife [redacted] occupation [redacted] residence telephone BR 2-4013, are the occupants.

1-92-166 (BUSTER BALESTRERE)
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At [redacted] Wisconsin:

Identify and interview [redacted] relative to the use of his car by BUSTER BALESTRERE.

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Identify [redacted] and determine their relationships, if any, with the Subjects.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) DATE: 5/17/63

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-497) - RUC -

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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(OO: MILWAUKEE)

Re Milwaukee report of SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM dated 2/28/63.

Enclosed are nine copies of FD-302 reflecting interview with [redacted] b6 b7C

(2) - Milwaukee (92-166)(Enc. 9)
1 - Springfield (92-497)
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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 5/22/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
5/14/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka	92-257 HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
DUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166 KNICKREHM
FRANCIS CONRAD STELLONI, aka AR	92-315 THOMPSON
LA CAUSA NOSTRA	92-232 THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that he had learned that the Milwaukee outfit is going to try [redacted] from among the [redacted] JOE GURERA's [redacted] He stated that the outfit is [redacted] JOE GURERA's activities in trying [redacted] and so forth, for [redacted] and resulting in [redacted] He stated that they do not feel that this was actually JOE GURERA's [redacted] but that they now realize that a hoodlum coming from another area cannot [redacted] without drawing attention and [redacted] He said that there is also a feeling that STEVE DE SALVO [redacted] with JOE GURERA's [redacted] in that he insisted on giving [redacted] JOE GURERA did, and FRANK BALISTRIERI and the other members of the outfit feel that some of DE SALVO's decisions [redacted] He stated that the outfit is [redacted] at the present time in trying to [redacted]

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

Personal Data

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[redacted] He said that the leaders are aware that there [redacted] and they do not know who is doing the [redacted] of everyone. He pointed out that although the [redacted] the MANIACIs or the DI MAGGIOs, they will [redacted] if necessary. According to informant, the [redacted] AUGIE MANIACI and JOHN AIELLO to [redacted] He stated that these two individuals are feared among the Italian element and could [redacted] very well. Informant advised that JOHN AIELLO is [redacted] at the present time, [redacted] and has been trying to [redacted] b7D

Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI will make the final decision as to who will [redacted] with the advice of the council of the outfit in Milwaukee. Informant stated that he has noted that SAM FERRARA, an older respected member of the outfit and probably a member of the council, has been seen quite often lately [redacted] talking with FRANK BALISTRIERI.

Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI has been [redacted] and also some strangers, whose identities are unknown to informant, at [redacted] He advised that the outfit is changing around on [redacted] and that they have been [redacted] from time to time in the past week to ten days [redacted] exact location unknown. He advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI is presently using [redacted] on [redacted] his pinball machines but is evidently [redacted] there. He said that one day last week BUSTER BALESTRERE was seen [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and STEVE DE SALVO on [redacted] which may mean that BUSTER [redacted] the outfit.

He stated that STEVE DE SALVO is presently supervising the operations of Checker Cleaners and that the Star Bright cleaning establishment on North Holton Street, [redacted] is now part of the Checker Cleaners chain. He stated that [redacted] cleaning establishment to the outfit because they were [redacted] for [redacted] Informant advised that the Milwaukee b6 b7C b7D

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outfit is still [redacted] the same Italian gamblers and night clubs. He said that [redacted] each week, and MANIACI [redacted] leaves his [redacted] MANIACI's [redacted], and someone [redacted] there.

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He further advised that he learned that the outfit is [redacted] SAM FERRARA, in [redacted] and also [redacted] Informant said that the outfit is presently [redacted] because of the John Doe hearing because they want [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 6/13/63

FROM : SA ALBERT D. KNICKREHM

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 5/28/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166 KNICKREHM
FRANCIS CONRAD STELLON, aka AR	92-315 THOMPSON
IGA	162-1 AUSTIN
	92-145 THOMPSON
	165-107 LE GRAND

Purpose and results of contact CIP "THE OFFICE"

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant stated that he hasn't seen JOE GURERA for a long time and he doesn't believe GURERA was even at JOE ALIOTO's funeral, adding that he didn't see him at the funeral. He advised that STEVE DE SALVO sticks close to his business, the Checker Cleaners, 1012 So. First St., but believes that he is [redacted] every day. Informant stated that he believes that DE SALVO [redacted] every day rather than [redacted] He stated that other than that DE SALVO, who has [redacted] lately, is very seldom seen around town.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating: Excellent

Coverage: Gambling

Personal Data

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1-92-257
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ADK:bs
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1-92-145

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1-162-1
1-165-107

MI [redacted] b7D

With regard to FRANK BALISTRIERI, he advised that he was at BALISTRIERI's [redacted] for coffee but added that BALISTRIERI is very quiet and didn't say much.

Informant stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE goes to [redacted] every day from about 9 to 10 AM. He stated that most of the [redacted] go to [redacted] every morning [redacted] which are compliments of [redacted] He stated that these [redacted] have some daily [redacted] which they have [redacted] and that these [redacted] are usually [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

He advised that he saw FRANK STELLOH at JOE ALIOTO's funeral on 5/25/63 and that is the first time he has seen STELLOH in a long time. He advised that STELLOH was with BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DE SALVO and PETE BALISTRIERI. He advised that as far as he knows STELLOH is still working at Wood, Wisconsin.

With regard to the funeral, he advised that it was a large funeral with a lot of people from out of town attending the funeral. He advised that the bulk of the out-of-towners were from Pittsburgh, Chicago and California. He advised that most of them were relatives of ALIOTO. He also advised that there were some from Buffalo, New York; Clevoland, Ohio; Poughkepsie, N.Y., San Diego and San Francisco, Calif. He suggested that the register at the funeral home might reveal others.

As to who would be taking JOE ALIOTO's position, he advised that the word is that his brother, ANGELO ALIOTO, would move into JOE ALIOTO's spot and that JOE DENTICE would move into ANGELO's spot.

With regard to [redacted] he advised that while the outfit has no one particular place where [redacted] he advised that he knows that they do [redacted] in a room above the [redacted] or in a room above the [redacted] b7D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 5/20/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. CASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact	
5/20/63	

Titles and File #s on which contacted	
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 MINCHEREM
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AKA AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
DUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166 MINCHEREM
FRANK STELLOI, aka	92-315 THOMPSON
LA CAUSA NOSTRA	92-232 THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant stated that FRANK STELLOI is still working at the VA Hospital on construction work and is not very active in the affairs of the outfit at the present time. He said that [redacted] JOE GURERA, is still [redacted] in Milwaukee, but informant believes that [redacted] has now [redacted] JOE. He said that JOE GURERA is definitely a dead issue [redacted], and he will definitely not be back here except for possible short visits.

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Informant stated that JOE ALIOTO is in Madison General Hospital as a last resort to take treatment for leukemia, and he is not expected to live. Informant stated that activities of the outfit are practically at a standstill due to his illness as JOHN ALIOTO, JOE's father, and FRANK BALISTRIERI, his brother-in-law, are both very upset over this.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

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MI [redacted] b7D

Informant stated that [redacted] is presently visiting in [redacted] and that the latter said that [redacted] is about over, and he took the opportunity to come [redacted]. He said that as far as he knows [redacted] for any special reason, such as [redacted] the Milwaukee outfit.

In regards to the [redacted] between FRANK BALISTRIERI, JOHN AIELLO [redacted] informant stated that JOHN AIELLO very possibly wanted to [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI as [redacted] He stated, however, that these individuals are seen together on other occasions [redacted] and it is obvious that something [redacted] AIELLO is [redacted] and might possibly be instructed by BALISTRIERI to [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI is presently [redacted] He is also trying to [redacted] NICK GENTILLI's license at the Pancake House on Bluemound Road in Wauwatosa, which is presently being held up by the Wauwatosa Council due to GENTILLI's poor reputation. Informant advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI was at the [redacted] one night last week and that he might very possibly [redacted] FRANK SANSONE, a known Milwaukee hoodlum.

Informant stated that since [redacted] became interested in [redacted] approximately [redacted], all of the hoodlums and gamblers have been [redacted] between ten AM and early afternoon. He advised that [redacted] of this establishment, using [redacted] there. He stated that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, PHIL VALIEY, [redacted] STEVE HALMO, TONY PETROLLE and TOMMY MACHI come into the place during the above hours and have coffee and talk about [redacted] and so forth. He also advised that [redacted] and that he hangs around there a great deal.

In regards to [redacted], Wisc., on Sunday night, [redacted] informant stated that [redacted] there. He stated that this was [redacted] [redacted] is the individual actually [redacted]

MI [redacted] b7D

Informant stated that he has observed that BUSTER BALESTRERE has been [redacted] which is [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and is [redacted] pin-ball and other machines.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 6/20/63

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 6/15/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166 KNICKREHM
PETER BALISTRIERI, aka AR	92-226 C(holtzman)
CIP	92-145 THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE
[ ] POSITIVE

Informant advised at about four PM on [redacted] that he had driven through the alley behind PETE BALISTRIERI's house and saw a [redacted] Missouri license plates [redacted] parked behind the house. He stated that while he did not see the individuals get out of the car, he did see two strangers entering PETE BALISTRIERI's house accompanied by FRANK BALISTRIERI. He stated that both of the strangers were entering the house, and he did not get a good enough look at them to describe them other than the fact that they did appear to be Italians. He stated that FRANK saw him and waved to him. (This information relayed to SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, who was at the office. This car registered to [redacted] Kansas City, Mo., on a [redacted] Identification Number [redacted]

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 6/24/63

FROM : SA ALBERT D. KNICKREHM

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 6/10/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER DALISTRIERI,	94-310 HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM
BUSTER DALESTRIERE, AR	92-166 KNICKREHM

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant stated that he has not seen FRANK DALISTRIERI or STEVE DE SALVO during the past few days. He advised that he saw BUSTER DALESTRIERE standing in front of his house one day last week, but he didn't get a chance to talk to him. He advised that things are very quiet, adding that STEVE DE SALVO works every day at Checker Cleaners, 1012 So. First Street. He advised that BUSTER DALESTRIERE can be seen at [redacted] almost every morning at about ten o'clock where all [redacted]

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 6/24/63

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

☒ CI ☐ SI

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

6/17/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOHN ALIOTO	92-94 C
JOHN JOSEPH AIELLO, aka	92-227 KNICKREHM
WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA, AR	92-57 C(knickrehm)
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka AR	92-166 KNICKREHM
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
IGA	162-1 AUSTIN
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA	92-257 HOLTZMAN

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that old man ALIOTO [redacted] Saturday and wanted to talk to him. He stated that when he [redacted] JOHN ALIOTO, ALIOTO [redacted] such as how he was getting along, what he was doing, how his family was and was he making any money. He advised that there is a move afoot to reorganize the outfit and [redacted] JOE GURERA. He stated that he believes that ALIOTO was [redacted] the organization. He hoped it would [redacted] that JOE GURERA [redacted]

With regard to JOHN AIELLO, he stated that AIELLO [redacted] and that he has been approaching people [redacted] He advised that AIELLO is supposed to go back to the [redacted], shortly. He stated as far as he knew AIELLO was doing absolutely nothing.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

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1-92-165 1-92-166 1-94-316
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With regard to BROCCA, he stated that he saw WALTER BROCCA about [redacted] at about three AM and [redacted] He advised that BROCCA is still working at the Park Corporation and that other than that he doesn't seem to be involved in any other activity. b7D

With regard to BUSTER BALESTRERE, he advised that BUSTER hangs out every morning at [redacted] which he gets from FRANK BALISTRIERI. He advised that he hasn't had an opportunity to talk to BUSTER for several days.

He advised that STEVE DE SALVO, whom he hasn't talked to in a few days, works every day at Checker Cleaners, 1012 So. First Street.

With regard to the rumor that JOE GURERA is around town, he advised that he doubts very much this is so since JOE would certainly [redacted] if he came into town as he and GURERA were [redacted] He advised that if GURERA were still around town his opportunity [redacted] the organization would be much better since he and GURERA [redacted]

He advised that he would be seeing FRANK BALISTRIERI today since he was going [redacted] and would report on this conversation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 6/25/63

☐ CI ☐ SI

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

☐ PCI ☒ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

Titles and location which contacted

~~WILLIAM COVELLI~~	~~162-49(SA BROWN)~~
~~FRANK BALISTRIERI~~	~~94-361 (SA BOLTZMAN)~~
~~STEVE DE SALVO~~	~~92-165 (SA KNICKREHM)~~
~~BUSTER BALESTRERE~~	~~92-166 (SA KNICKREHM)~~
~~CIP~~	~~92-145 (SA THOMPSON)~~
IGA	162-1 (SA AUSTIN)
JOE GUERRA	92-257 (SABOLTZMAN)

Purpose and Place of Contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE

Informant advised that he knows WILLIAM COVELLI only as WEISER and has never known his first or last name. He stated his only association with COVELLI was at Kenosha, Wis. when he, [redacted] and COVELLI was there. He advised he had not heard of the incident re COVELLI's abduction and has no idea as to why it was done or who did it. He stated there was absolutely no talk about it. With regard to the murder of BIERNAT, he advised he has no information as to this murder and that there was no talk about this either.

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He stated he has not seen FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO or BUSTER BALESTRERE, nor has he heard anything about them. He advised he does not care at all for FRANK BALISTRIERI even though BALISTRIERI [redacted]

With regard to WALTER BROCCA, he advised he saw him recently at [redacted] but that he just said hello to BROCCA and

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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MI [redacted] b7D

that ROCCA was there with someone else having a cup of coffee.

He advised that he sees [redacted] frequently as he. [redacted]

He advised that [redacted] and a couple [redacted] and seems to be doing o.k. financially with them. b6 b7C b7D

With regard to LOUIS DURANGO, he advised DURANGO has been sick with stomach trouble and that he is working at JENNAR's Trucking Firm.

He stated [redacted] who is also known as [redacted] is probably one of the [redacted] around Milwaukee. He stated [redacted] is doing nothing illegal that he knows of.

He advised that MIKE ALBANO operates ANGELO's Pizza House at 16th and Wells and that he saw ALBANO at his place of business a couple weeks ago, but that ALBANO had no information of any illegal activity.

He advised [redacted] to live, does not know where but feels it possibly [redacted] He stated he has not seen JOE GUERRA around at all nor has he seen JOHNNY RIZZO.

He advised there are [redacted] going on in Milwaukee and if there were he would know about it as he likes [redacted] He stated he does not know of any [redacted] going on in Kenosha at the present time and doubts that there are.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-166) DATE: 6/26/63

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka.
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The following information was obtained 5/20/63 from [redacted] Milwaukee PD uniform officer, stationed at 5th and Wisconsin:

Subject is a daily visitor to the 700 block on 5th Street frequenting the Clock Bar and the Casino. He is usually in company with [redacted] usually in the morning and around noontime. b6 b7C

Subject was observed on this same date in company with these individuals to enter the Clock Bar lunchroom. They had with them a girl who was described by [redacted] girlfriend, [redacted] According to [redacted] her DOB is [redacted] she is employed [redacted] and drives a [redacted] Wisconsin license [redacted]

These individuals were observed to remain in the Clock Bar lunchroom from 12 noon to 12:40 p.m. on 5/20/63.

[redacted] also advised that he had observed [redacted] that morning and [redacted] told him that he had arrived in town on Friday, June 17, 1963, that he was in for a birthday celebration of his. [redacted] claimed that he heard from other sources, however, that [redacted] was in to [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

It was subsequently learned from Captain [redacted] MI PD Vice Squad, that [redacted] had been making a daily record of his observations on Fifth Street during the month of May in connection with a possible booking operation involving [redacted] [redacted] and BUSTER. [redacted] had in his possession the daily logs for the month of May prepared by [redacted] and he subsequently provided information from these logs and photographs of a meeting between these individuals to SA AL LE GRAND. b6 b7C

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FBI—MILWAUKEE

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-166) DATE: 5/29/63

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
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The following information was obtained from Captain [redacted], Milwaukee PD Vice Detail, on 5/23/63:

For some time now officers [redacted] of the Vice Detail have been investigating the possibility of the Subject, along with other individuals on the attached list, booking along Fifth Street, principally in the Casino Bar and the Clock Bar.

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The beat officer on the corner of Fifth and Wisconsin, Officer [redacted], has furnished a daily report on the activities of Subject and his association, along Fifth Street for the month of May.

The officers are ready to knock over these individuals, particularly [redacted] in an effort to make a local gambling case, and Captain [redacted] wanted to be sure that it would not interfere with any investigation that we have pending.

He was advised that such an operation by the Milwaukee PD would not interfere with any investigation we have in existence, and he was requested and said he would be glad to advise you of the results, particularly if [redacted] or any of the other individuals who were arrested and searched had any material on them indicating interstate activities.

The list of individuals, along with their addresses, car descriptions, and license numbers, is as follows:

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MAY 30 1963
FBI—MILWAUKEE

MI 92-166

OWNERS	ADDRESSES	AUTOS	LICENSES
BALESTRERE, BUSTER	1634 N. Jackson	1963 Green Chevrolet	E51-896
ALIOTA, JOE	3824 N. 13th Street	1962 Ford, Maroon	G59-714
DE SALVO, STEVE	2605 E. Holmes	1961 White Pontiac (Lemuel 3 Blue Chevs) ?	A75-995

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 6/28/63

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

☐ CI ☐ SI

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted] PCI

Dates of Contact

6/18/63 by SAs KNICKREHM and LE GRAND

Titles and File #s on which contacted

WILLIAM COVELLI, aka, IGA	162-49	BROWN
"THE OFFICE", IGA	162-107	LE GRAND
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166	KNICKREHM
[redacted] IGA	162-48	C(KNICKREHM)
[redacted] ITWI	165-19	C(AUSTIN)
STEVE DE SALVO, aka, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
[redacted] aka, ITWI	165-71	AUSTIN
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON
IGA	162-1	AUSTIN

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☐ POSITIVE

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Informant advised that he had attempted to contact [redacted] Wisconsin, recently since [redacted]. He advised that he heard that [redacted] had left town and that no one seemed to know where he had gone.

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With regard to ANTHONY "SHERIFF" CEFALU, he stated that CEFALU is now out of the hospital and [redacted] He stated that he is not sure of this but he believes that [redacted] He advised that he doesn't know how [redacted] but believes he goes to [redacted] and advised that he believes [redacted] is coming from [redacted] He stated that he believes [redacted] is coming from

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

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1 - 162-48
1 - 92-165
1 - 92-145

1 - 94-316
1 - 165-19
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MI [redacted] b7D

[redacted] because he was in Chicago a few days ago and he contacted an individual there who he knows [redacted] and it was the [redacted] as the one in Milwaukee. He stated that there is only [redacted] coming into Milwaukee as far as he knows and that this is [redacted] since they are getting it. He advised that [redacted] at the present time, about five or six, and that their [redacted] is [redacted] He advised that [redacted] seems pretty much content to stick with these [redacted] and added that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

He advised that SAM CEPALU, [redacted] are probably handling [redacted] basis since the [redacted] He advised that [redacted] on their [redacted] recently and haven't had a [redacted] lately. He stated that [redacted] either and that [redacted] from Kansas City or Chicago in order to meet their obligations.

With regard to [redacted] he advised that [redacted] is an individual who [redacted] He advised that he goes to various [redacted]

With regard to [redacted] around Milwaukee he stated that there are no [redacted] going on and if there were he would know about it. He advised, however, that there may be some [redacted] on special occasions such as [redacted] etc. but that these are only on an occasional basis. With regards [redacted] by [redacted], he advised that these [redacted] SHEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE. He advised that their [redacted] and on a [redacted] basis.

Informant stated that he saw BUSTER BALESTRERE at [redacted] on the evening of [redacted] noting that [redacted] is [redacted] He advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE was with some little fat Italian and described this Italian as being about [redacted], 5'5", heavy build, on the paunchy side, bulging eyes, a bald spot on top of his head with dark hair around the edges. He advised that after BUSTER BALESTRERE

MI [redacted] b7D

and this Italian left [redacted] inquired as to who this Italian was and that [redacted] said that he was from Kansas City. Informant stated that [redacted] didn't care to have anything to do with BUSTER. He advised that [redacted] from him inasmuch as they are going to have a [redacted] but that the informant told [redacted] to let out and why not contact BUSTER BALESTRERE or STEVE DE SALVO. He stated that [redacted] turned up his nose and said he wanted nothing to do with those two. b6 b7C b7D

With regard to [redacted] at the [redacted] informant advised that he doesn't believe that they are [redacted] has told him on several occasions that if they come around [redacted] he'll play rough. Informant stated that he knows [redacted] real well and, in fact, has a reason to go to [redacted] and will do so this week and find out what, if anything, is going on there.

With regard to [redacted] he advised that [redacted] is doing nothing in the way of gambling and that he [redacted] He advised that [redacted] is disgusted about having gotten mixed up with [redacted]

With regard to [redacted] he advised that [redacted] has got a [redacted] but that he is not doing much of anything in the way of gambling. With regard to [redacted] he advised that they seem to be very quiet, and he has heard nothing about them.

With regard to [redacted] he advised that [redacted] went to [redacted] where he is [redacted] He advised that [redacted] but that [redacted] for himself in order to [redacted] Informant advised that he is quite sure that [redacted] is the person who has been [redacted] shortly before [redacted] starts to find out the name of the [redacted] and his condition and is [redacted]

MI [redacted] b7D

With regard to the abduction of WILLIAM "WEIGER" COVELLI, he advised that the only thing he knows is what he read about in the paper. He advised that he has been in no group where this incident was discussed. He stated that he has no idea as to who may have done this if, in fact, it was done. He surmised that it might be the Chicago syndicate who did this in order to test COVELLI's allegiance to the mob. He stated that this may have been done to others in Kenosha but that COVELLI was the only one who made a beef to his attorney.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 6/20/63

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

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☒ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
6/19/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

WILLIAM COVELLI, aka, IGA	162-49	BROWN
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
JOHN JOSEPH AIELLO, AR	92-227	C KNICKREHM
AUGIE MANIACI, AR	94-318	C THOMPSON
[redacted] aka, AR	92-228	C THOMPSON
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166	KNICKREHM
STEVE DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE

Informant advised that he is [redacted] in Milwaukee. He advised that he does not know WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and the only thing he knows about COVELLI's alleged abduction is what he read in the newspapers. He stated that in the conversation he has had with other individuals regarding the COVELLI incident that no one is of the opinion that the FBI did this and all seem to doubt COVELLI's story. He advised that he has no idea why anyone would have wanted to abduct COVELLI nor who would have done it. He stated that this incident is just causing a lot of extra heat on everyone for nothing. He added that this is a ridiculous situation.

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage

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Informant was questioned as to what, if anything, he has heard regarding the murder of ANTHONY BIKERNAT. He stated that he has heard nothing about it recently and that there is no talk concerning this. He was requested to attempt to seek some information regarding this and he advised that even if he was offered $20,000 or $100,000 he wouldn't be able to take it because he knows nothing about the BIKERNAT murder and added that he sure needs the money. He advised that the [redacted] JOHN AIELLO, AUGIE MANIACI, [redacted] He stated that he [redacted] that he goes home about 5:00 every afternoon, has dinner, goes to bed, gets up about [redacted] and sometimes AUGIE and they sit around, gab, and have coffee. He advised that the only topic of conversation is [redacted] adding that that is his one vice.

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He stated that [redacted] as he has [redacted] He advised that [redacted] went to [redacted] where they [redacted] He advised that at the present time [redacted]

He advised that he sees FRANK BALISTRIERI occasionally but that they never talk business. He stated that their conversation is nothing more than just a greeting. He advised that FRANK [redacted] once in awhile but but talks all business since FRANK [redacted] He advised that he goes [redacted] about once a month and usually sees FRANK there but that he talks to FRANK's brother, PETE, since [redacted]

With regard to STEVE DE SALVO he advised that he sees DE SALVO very infrequently and added that he last saw DE SALVO the previous week when DE SALVO [redacted] He advised that he doesn't know what DE SALVO was doing [redacted] and his only conversation with DE SALVO was just to greet him. He believes DE SALVO talked [redacted] who is the [redacted]

MI [redacted] b7D

With regard to BUSTER BALESTRERE he advised that he doesn't see BUSTER very often but that BUSTER was [redacted] and added that he doesn't know the reason for BUSTER's visit. With regard to the individual visiting BUSTER BALESTRERE and PETE BALISTRIERI from Kansas City by the name of [redacted] he advised that he doesn't know [redacted] and never heard of him.

With regard to an Italian syndicate in Milwaukee informant advised that there is none as far as he knows. He stated that Milwaukee is a clean town and is quiet. He advised that he never heard of any such organization in Milwaukee. He stated that in [redacted] and Pop MANIACI's there is no such talk of an Italian organization.

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Informant advised that he is sick and tired of being bothered and surveilled by both the Police Department and the FBI adding that all he wants to do is [redacted] He stated he knows nothing about any hoodlum activity and that he doesn't want to know anything about any hoodlum activity. He stated that he couldn't accept any money for information as he knows nothing, adding that he could use the money too.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 7/2/63

FROM : SA [redacted] 92-166

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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AT OSHKOSH, WIS.

Chief of Police HARRY GUENTHER, Oshkosh P.D. advised 5/22/63 that his records reflect that a JACK REETZ, 627 18th St born 12/17/31, employed Marine Corp was arrested 11/8/53 for Disorderly Conduct and fined $20.00 and costs. The same individual was arrested 11/9/49 for Carnal knowledge and abuse and on 11/14/49 he was placed on probation to his parents. GUENTHER stated he does not know REETZ personally but there is a REETZ family in Oshkosh of which several members hold City and County jobs. [redacted]. [redacted] State Probation officer advised 5/29/63 that JACK REETZ is not a member of the Oshkosh REETZ family whose members are active in Government, that his father runs a Supper club outside Appleton.

[redacted] Commercial Service Bureau advised 6/20/63 that a [redacted] whose [redacted] and who has [redacted] resides [redacted] and has been employed as a [redacted] advised 6/20/63 that the [redacted] who formerly resided that address has been gone from there for 2-3 years. [redacted] Oshkosh Post Office stated he has no change of address for a [redacted]

[redacted] Selective Service Bd #79 advised 6/20/63 that her records reflect a JACK ALBERT REETZ, born 12/17/31 is registered that Board, that he has blue eyes, red hair, is 5'11", 176 lbs and when he registered 6/26/50 he indicated he could be reached through [redacted] He waa in the USMC 9/23/50-9/24/53 and received an Honorable Discharge, Serial #1150720.

[redacted] advised June 20, 1963 that he formerly resided [redacted] until May, 1961, that he has not been in Chicago or Milwaukee for over two years, never heard of Subject and does not and never has owned [redacted] He stated he once owned a [redacted] which he traded in the spring of 1961 to [redacted] in Oshkosh for a [redacted] He now owns only a [redacted] which he bought [redacted] in fall of 1961. This car was observed at his home and bears Current license Wis [redacted]. He stated that License number [redacted] sounds familiar to him and he believes it is the number on an expired plate he had on the [redacted] until he traded it and that it expired in October, 1962 at which time he had it on [redacted] He stated he is quite certain he crumpled both expired plates and threw them away at the town dump on [redacted] in October, November or December, 1962. He stated he would attempt to verify this by checking old Certificates of Registration. The attached note was subsequently received from him in the mail stating that number was issued him in 1961 for a [redacted]

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92-166-229 Kruckrehm

Sir,

The licence number [redacted] was issued to [redacted] in the year of [redacted] for a [redacted]

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Signed

[redacted]

[redacted] Wisd.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 7/11/63

☒ CI ☐ SI

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

6/27/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRIRE, AR	92-166 KNICKREHM
CIP	92-145 THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that there were two men in Milwaukee, supposedly from [redacted] on Sunday, [redacted] He stated that one of them appeared to be Jewish and his last name was either [redacted] (both phonetic). He described him as follows: about [redacted] of age, 180 to 190 lbs., 6', football player physique and a [redacted]. He described the other individual as having an Italian hoodlum appearance, pockmarked face, [redacted] of age, 5'10", medium build. He stated that [redacted] besides [redacted] is also a [redacted] and had done all the talking while the second person said nothing. He advised that [redacted] stated that he had been to Chicago, Ill., to see [redacted] before coming to Milwaukee. He stated that they were at [redacted] talking to FRANK BALISTRIERI on Sunday night, and when they left [redacted] they reportedly

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling
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HI [redacted]

[redacted] LOUIE FAZIO. Informant related the following story concerning [redacted] as told by [redacted]

He advised that [redacted] stated that some person in [redacted] and when [redacted] called to attempt to [redacted] this individual refused and called [redacted] several filthy names. This individual reportedly told [redacted] that he had better stay out of [redacted] reportedly then went to [redacted] located this individual in [redacted] and proceeded to cause [redacted] to this person. He advised that this individual then made an [redacted] and in order to squelch the [redacted] to this individual and told him to forget about [redacted] reportedly made the statement while at [redacted] that while this individual thinks he got away with something, what he doesn't know is that [redacted] has already [redacted] The informant stated that from the conversation it appeared that this incident happened recently.

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Informant stated that [redacted] BUSTER BALISTRIERI's place. He advised that he saw her at BUSTER's home one morning having coffee and that she [redacted] about the [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI's [redacted]

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Informant stated that he has heard no more about [redacted] JOE GUERRA's spot. He stated that he still is [redacted] GUERRA's former position. Informant advised that he has an [redacted] at [redacted] and that prior to his (informant's) [redacted] later on this week. (Informant advised that he and his [redacted] were going to leave town on Saturday, [redacted] and would be gone for about ten days. He stated that they would be going to [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 7/11/63

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
6/27/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOHN TRILIEGI, KRA	62-1153 KENNEY
JOHN AIELLO, AR	92-227 C(Knickrehm)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166 KNICKREHM
FRANCIS CONRAD STELLOH, aka, AR	92-315 THOMPSON
	92-145 THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact CIP

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that there was a surprise party for JOHN AIELLO celebrating AIELLO's 25th wedding anniversary and that this party was held at 5325 No. Lake Drive on Saturday, 6/22/63. He advised that he doesn't know the name of the individual living at this North Lake Drive address but that it is supposed to be a relative of AIELLO's.

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Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI gave [redacted] He stated that this [redacted] is called the [redacted] He advised that this is an indication that FRANK BALISTRIERI is [redacted]

With regard to STEVE DE SALVO, he advised that DE SALVO is getting grouchier every day and that he is working steadily at Checker Cleaners, 1012 South 1st Street.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

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With regard to BUSTER BALESTRERE, he advised that BUSTER is very quiet and hangs out at [redacted] some part of each day.

With regard to FRANCIS STELLOH, he advised that STELLOH is doing absolutely nothing.

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Informant advised with regard to JOHN TRILIEGI, he stated that it is true that TRILIEGI is [redacted] He advised that TRILIEGI [redacted] from some [redacted] He also advised that TRILIEGI will okay [redacted] who never actually perform [redacted] and that he gets [redacted] of their [redacted]. He also advised that TRILIEGI is a [redacted]

7/25/53

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166)

SUBJECT: BURNIANO VERO BALDONTRIEL, aka
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[redacted] advised on 7/24/53 that subject has moved his family from Milwaukee to Kansas City and plans on living in Kansas City. b7D

Kansas City Division is requested to attempt to ascertain through their informants and other sources whether the subject is living permanently in Kansas City.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 7/31/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY b7D

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

7/15/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	92-226	HOLTZMAN
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, aka, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166	KNICKREHM
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE and his entire family moved to Kansas City. He stated that BUSTER's family left early the week before and that BUSTER himself drove to Kansas City with STEVE DE SALVO on Wednesday, July 10, 1963. He stated that as far as he knows BUSTER BALESTRERE has moved back to Kansas City for good and that he is very possibly going to join with JOE GURERA in taking an active part in the Italian outfit in the Kansas City area. He stated that PETER BALISTRIERI, brother of FRANK BALISTRIERI, has now moved into BUSTER's home and has put his own home, which is next door, up for rent. He advised that BUSTER's [redacted] and is presently [redacted] PETER BALISTRIERI family but [redacted] is finished. Informant said that BUSTER's [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

Personal Data

92-166-235

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FBI — MILWAUKEE

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1 - 92-165
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1 - 92-262

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[redacted] in [redacted] He said that he expects STEVE DE SALVO to return to Milwaukee in the near future.

On the same date informant advised that he spent approximately [redacted]. He said that he learned very little of the little information concerning the [redacted] as he was not in contact with any of the [redacted] while there, merely being on [redacted] He advised that he did met one [redacted] who is supposed to be [redacted] at the [redacted] He also said that in talking to one of the hoodlums in [redacted] the latter claimed that the Italian syndicate controls everything in [redacted] and another company which is controlled by the [redacted] and that the syndicate has [redacted] on this corporation in the near future. He also said that he heard rumors that [redacted] was in Kansas City on a [redacted] flying in there in the morning and out in the evening.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 7/31/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

7/24/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	92-226	HOLTZMAN
JOSEPH FRANK GUNERA, aka, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, aka, AR	92-165	KNICKERBOCKER
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166	KNICKERBOCKER
FRANCIS CONRAD STELLOH, aka, AR	92-315	THOMPSON
LA CAUSA NOSTRA	92-262	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant stated that STEVE DE SALVO returned from Kansas City on [redacted] He said that to all appearances BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GUNERA have [redacted] However, on the night of [redacted] he talked to FRANK BALISTRIERI and [redacted] JOE GUNERA's [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI told him that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GUNERA [redacted] but not for quite a period of time. He said that he wants it [redacted] in town but that they will [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI further advised him that BUSTER went to [redacted] but to [redacted] JOE GUNERA in [redacted] area.

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Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
☐	Excellent	Gambling

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FRANK also intimated to informant [redacted] the present Italian outfit leadership [redacted] at the present time to see whether anyone in [redacted] in other words, FRANK is [redacted] is [redacted] and after they [redacted] have them [redacted] Informant stated that it will probably be either the MANIACI or LA GALBO [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

He further advised that FRANK STELLOH has [redacted] and has [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE's place [redacted] for the time being although STELLOH himself is not actually a member as he is not of Italian extraction. He advised that STEVE DE SALVO and FRANK STELLOH are [redacted] from Italian gamblers and night club operators on Mondays at their places of business.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 3/6/63

☒ CI ☐ SI

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
3/2/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA CAUSA NOSTRA	92-262	THOMPSON
JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, aka AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka	92-166	KNICKREHM
PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	92-226	C(holtzman)
FRANK STELLOH	92-315	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant stated that STEVE DE SALVO and FRANK STELLOH were at [redacted] at Chicago on Tuesday, [redacted], and that they [redacted] while they were there. Informant said that STELLOH and DE SALVO were with [redacted] from Chicago. He further advised that he saw DE SALVO and STELLOH in Chicago, Wednesday, [redacted] in front of [redacted] the nightclub there. He did not know their purpose for making this trip.

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He advised that STEVE DE SALVO is [redacted] from gamblers and night club operators, and at the present time he is [redacted] on Tuesday to [redacted] He said that STELLOH drives STEVE around

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating: Excellent

Coverage: Gambling

Personal Data

92-166-237

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from place to place in his, STELLOH's, car and that he [redacted] while STEVE [redacted]

He advised that DE SALVO [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and that FRANK STELLOH has definitely [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE's [redacted], just [redacted] STEVE DE SALVO. He further advised that he has learned that BUSTER BALESTRERE is [redacted] in [redacted] He does not know how this [redacted] BALESTRERE, but he imagines it is [redacted] as that is the way the outfit generally will [redacted] if they are not of [redacted]

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Informant stated that the Milwaukee outfit is pushing and definitely interested [redacted] statewide in Wisconsin. He advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI has made the statement that he will [redacted] necessary to get the Wisconsin [redacted] He said that it is believed that it will [redacted] this year but will probably [redacted] and then the outfit will have a [redacted] It is to be noted that [redacted] Informant stated that while in Chicago, Ill., on Wednesday, [redacted] he learned that the Chicago outfit has the [redacted] as to concessions and so forth. He said that he had recently learned that FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] that he will not go [redacted] in the outfit until he changes his [redacted] He said that [redacted] and the outfit supposedly is too, so he cannot see the significance of BALISTRIERI's statement concerning this matter.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (162-49) DATE: 7-3-63

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FROM : SAC, Kansas City (162-236) -RUC-

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
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OO: Milwaukee

Re Kansas City letter 6-27-63; Milwaukee airtel 6-20-63.

Enclosed for Milwaukee are 12 copies FD-302 reflecting interview with [redacted] b6 b7C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 9/3/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 8/20/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GUBERA, aka AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166	KNICKREHM
FRANCIS CONRAD STELLON, aka	92-315	THOMPSON
LA COSA NOSTRA, AR	92-262	LE GRAND

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that a JOHN HANFRIED (phonetic) was in Milwaukee on [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI. The rest of the time he made the rounds of the Italian night clubs and restaurants in the Milwaukee area. He said that HANFRIED claimed that any place he traveled around Milwaukee FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] but he does not know the purpose of HANFRIED's visit to Milwaukee. He said that this individual is in his 60's, gray and black hair, heavy set with a large stomach, over six feet, distinguished looking and Italian. He is supposed to be a "big wheel" with the Falstaff Brewery of San Antonio, Texas. He was driving a car with New York license plates but indicated that he was out of San Antonio.

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

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MI [redacted] b7D

Informant said that he learned that a [redacted] at [redacted] around the [redacted] on a Monday night, at which [redacted] a jukebox [redacted] Milwaukee from the [redacted] Informant said that from what he could learn [redacted] will probably not handle any jukeboxes but will [redacted] from this [redacted] Also, if necessary, he [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI in [redacted] jukeboxes around Milwaukee. b6 b7C b7D

Informant stated that he had learned that JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALISTRERE will [redacted] within the next [redacted] He said that FRANK BALISTRIERI said that they were [redacted] JOE GURERA and BUSTER [redacted] He further advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI and STEVE DE SALVO are both very [redacted] in Milwaukee and that they are preparing to [redacted] According to FRANK BALISTRIERI and STEVE DE SALVO, they have their strategy all planned on this movement.

Informant stated that he has not seen FRANK STELLOH with STEVE DE SALVO very much in the last [redacted] He said that they have gone to [redacted] in Illinois from time to time but that FRANK is not seen with DE SALVO when the latter makes [redacted] gamblers and night club operators. He said that [redacted] DE SALVO usually on Tuesday afternoons and he goes to the [redacted] and to the night clubs to [redacted] He further advised that STEVE DE SALVO has been going to [redacted] practically every night between six and nine PM.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 9/10/63

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 8/30/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
FRANK BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
FRANCIS CONRAD STELLON, aka AR	92-315	THOMPSON
WILLIAM COVELLI, IGA	162-49	BROWN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka	92-164	FARRINGTON
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166	KNICKREHM

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE
[ ] POSITIVE

Informant stated that he had just learned that BUSTER BALESTRERE will be [redacted] STEVE DE SALVO at [redacted] at Chicago, Ill., on [redacted] He said that it is very possible that along with STEVE DE SALVO may be WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO. Informant stated that he could not understand why BUSTER [redacted] but he is evidently going [redacted] He said that BUSTER would [redacted] just to [redacted] and there must be [redacted] down there.

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Informant said that JOE GURERA is in the cement and construction business in Kansas City and is also running a

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

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1-162-49 1-92-164 1-92-165
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[redacted] similar to the one in Milwaukee which is [redacted] the syndicate in Kansas City. He said that he understands that BUSTER BALESTRERE is also connected with the [redacted]

Informant stated that FRANK STELLOR is not working now and also is not running around with STEVE DE SALVO; that STEVE DE SALVO is [redacted] gamblers and night club operators [redacted] no one else [redacted]

He stated that JOE BALISTRIERI, son of FRANK BALISTRIERI, is too young as yet to be admitted to membership in the outfit but that from the way the leaders are talking they are definitely grooming JOE for his father's job when the latter is ready to retire from it.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 9/13/63

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

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[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

9/9/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166 KNICKREHM
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
"THE OFFICE"	165-107 LE GRAND
CIP	92-145 THOMPSON
[redacted]	162-2 C KNICKREHM
	165-11 C KNICKREHM

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Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE
[ ] POSITIVE

Informant advised that GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE are both residing in Kansas City. He stated that he hasn't heard a thing about them from anyone adding that no one ever talks about either one of them.

With regard to [redacted] he advised that [redacted] but that previous to that they had been [redacted] Informant stated that all [redacted] in Milwaukee have been [redacted] with the exception of BOB PICK and TONY PETROLLE. He advised that PICK has the [redacted] and that PETROLLE is [redacted] out of [redacted] and has either [redacted] Informant stated that [redacted] He advised that he [redacted] arrive in [redacted] and saw the post mark [redacted] but didn't see who sent it. He surmised, however, that it came from ANDY LOCOCO, a close friend of [redacted]

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating: Excellent

Gambling

Personal Data

92-166-247

1 - 92-166 1 - 92-257 1 - 165-107
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 9/20/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GARRAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI b7D

☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

9/12 and 16/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA, AR	92-67 C(Omaha) & & [redacted]
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94818 HOLTZMAN
JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKERBOCKER
HUNTER BALISTRIERI, AR	92-166 KNICKERBOCKER
FRANK STELLICH, aka AR LA COSA NOSTRA	92-315 THOMPSON 92-262 LE GRAND

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

On 9/12/63, informant advised that JOHN DI BELLA, Italian cheese maker in Fond du Lac, was in Milwaukee and going around with FRANK BALISTRIERI. He had seen him in two different taverns. He did not know the purpose of DI BELLA's trip to Milwaukee.

On 9/16/63, informant advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI, JOHN DI BELLA, SAM FERRARO and [redacted] were together on Thursday morning, [redacted] and from there [redacted] MIKE ALBANO's [redacted] He stated that he did not know the purpose of this gettogether; however, there was [redacted] earlier that morning for one of the [redacted] and also for VITO AIELLO's [redacted]

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

Personal Data

92-166-249

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On 9/16/83, informant advised that [redacted] are having a [redacted] jukeboxes they are trying to place due to harassment by either the PD or the FBI. According to [redacted] possible placement of their jukeboxes the Milwaukee PD or the FBI goes in and talks to the proprietor and then he won't take their jukeboxes. He said [redacted] claimed that [redacted] is [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant on 9/16/83, stated that STEVE DE SALVO is doing most [redacted] on the [redacted] from gamblers and Italian restaurants and that [redacted] DE SALVO on [redacted] from time to time. He said that something is in [redacted] more businessman, but he does not know the exact place. He said that the outfit definitely [redacted] at the present time. He advised that there is no discussion at the present time about JOE GUERRA or HERCER MAINSTREET; that he expects them [redacted] in the next [redacted] He said that FRANK STILLMAN is still not seen with STEVE DE SALVO and that something must have definitely happened between the two of them.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 9/23/63

TO: FILE (92-145)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
HOODLUM ALBUM

The Bureau has instructed as follows:

1. Two prints and negative of a current photograph of each hoodlum currently under investigation must be submitted to reach the Bureau, Attention Special Investigative Division, by 10/7/63;

2. The reverse side of each print should show the date of the photo, the person's FBI number, and his complete description;

3. Effective immediately we are instructed to submit photographs of hoodlum subjects to reach the Bureau within thirty days after the opening of each case;

4. In the event the above instructions cannot be complied with, the Bureau must be furnished the reason, therefore, and the date on which prints will be submitted.

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The Bureau has also instructed that the photos thus submitted be not more than three years old or that there being assurance that the likeness is a good one. The Bureau has also instructed that, when changes occur in the physical appearance of subjects, new photos should be submitted.

Bureau instructions in this matter are contained in Bulet to Albany dated 9/10/63, captioned as above (MIfile 92-145-1084).

It will be the responsibility of each agent having hoodlum subjects assigned to him to comply with the above instructions. In submitting photos in individual cases, it is suggested that reference be made to Bulet dated 9/10/63, referred to above, but that the photos be submitted under individual case captions with a carbon copy to MIfile 92-145.

92-166

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 4, 1963

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Bustiano Veto Balestrere was born November 18, 1918, Kansas City, Missouri. This was verified through Milwaukee Police Department records. Balestrere has an arrest record dating back to 1936 for violation of Internal Revenue Liquor laws, operation of a still, assault and battery, and investigation for carrying a concealed weapon. Balestrere resided in Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1951, 1952 and 1953 at 1634 North Jackson Street. However, he presently resides at 3607 King's Highway, Kansas City, Missouri.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 10/17/63

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

☒ CI ☐ SI b7D

☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

10/4 and 10/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
[redacted]	[redacted] THOMPSON
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166 KNICKREHM
[redacted] ET AL, ITSP	87-5955 MC DANIEL

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

On [redacted] informant advised that [redacted] had been in the night before and had left a message in his own handwriting at [redacted] reading, to the best of informant's recollection, "FRANK, I have some info I must pass on - call me at BL - Friday sure." Signed [redacted] (On 10/10/63 informant identified a photograph of [redacted] [redacted] III 87-5955, as this individual.).

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She said that [redacted] was accompanied by another individual approximately [redacted] of age, 5'8", slender build, sharp nose, hollow face, dark hair with a bald spot on the back.

Informant said that on Saturday, [redacted] BALISTRIERI had [redacted] and that informant had not seen him since but had learned on [redacted]

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating: Very Good	Coverage: Hoodlum Matters

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that he had been gone all week and would be gone for another week.

Informant learned that from [redacted], at the [redacted], though others [redacted] did not seem to know or have knowledge that BALISTRIERI was gone. b6 b7C b7D

Informant reiterated information previously furnished that [redacted], might be of value in learning about BALISTRIERI's activities. Informant feels sure that [redacted] FRANK as he [redacted] which fact is known to BALISTRIERI yet he does nothing about it. Informant cited an example where he was [redacted] FRANK's son, "BIG JOE" and "BIG JOE" called FRANK's attention to it but FRANK did nothing. Additionally, [redacted] of [redacted] do and he is [redacted] might not get a [redacted] In addition, he [redacted] on what appears to be a regular basis.

He is thoroughly [redacted] and it appears to informant that FRANK is not in a position [redacted] Informant has the impression from some of his activities that he may be [redacted]. On an occasion he attempted [redacted] informant which fact was brought to BALISTRIERI's attention by the informant and he told her not to worry about it, that he would talk to [redacted] and she should be sure and let him know immediately if any further attempts were made.

[redacted] and [redacted] No full name for him is known.

On [redacted] "LITTLE JOE" (PETE's son) mentioned in informant's presence that he was [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE. No specific time was mentioned nor a reason [redacted]

[redacted] "LITTLE JOE" go gambling on a very frequent basis [redacted] some individual who [redacted] Informant is of the opinion that they go after [redacted] is over very early in the morning.

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On 10/10/63 informant stated that on [redacted] BALISTRIERI told her that Saturday, [redacted] would be the [redacted] and, in fact, [redacted] is going to [redacted] after which they will [redacted] and just have [redacted] in the evening [redacted] When informant asked if this was a permanent thing, BALISTRIERI said that the [redacted] and he assured informant that if [redacted] permanently and [redacted] informant would go along.

Informant said that BALISTRIERI has been around Milwaukee all this current week and that [redacted] both have been in a [redacted] Informant has also heard rumors that the [redacted] said that the [redacted] by [redacted] if necessary, but that PETE BALISTRIERI has been coming up with [redacted] that has been placed on [redacted] about two months ago. He said that an additional [redacted] this past week based on [redacted] but that it would not be worth while [redacted] because the [redacted] He pointed out likewise that FRANK BALISTRIERI is [redacted] a [redacted] that he had given in connection with [redacted]

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Informant said that she had [redacted] based on a call from Chicago operator [redacted] calling number Chicago [redacted] notation almost illegible but apparently reading [redacted]

Informant said that there was [redacted] that was not previously known who was throwing quite a bit of [redacted]. She caught his name as [redacted] (ph) and described him as an old man with a [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted] DATE: 10/18/63

FROM : SA CHARLES A. AUSTIN

☐ CI ☐ SI
☒ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

9/26/63 telephonically 10/9/63 personally

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI	AR 94-316	Holtzman
CIP	92-145	Thompson
BUSTER BALESTRERE aka	AR 92-166	Kniekrehm
WILLIAM JOSEPH MASSINO, aka	AR 92-376	Austin
[redacted]	AR 92-370	Austin
	AR 92-369	Austin

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE

[redacted] aka etal	ITWI 165-73	Austin
[redacted] aka	ITWI 165-89	Austin

Informant stated he heard that FRANK BALISTRIERI had just returned from Chicago but said he did not know why he had gone there, but would guess it was for the purpose of [redacted] the outfit.

As to a WILLIAM JOSEPH MESSINO from Chicago, informant stated he thought this might be an individual who used the name "TED BATES" whom he last saw in [redacted] or thereabouts. This individual was in the [redacted] the night of [redacted] JOHN DI TRAPANI was killed. With him at the time were a [redacted] of Illinois and DOMINIC VOLPE, a funeral director, [redacted] the [redacted] [redacted]. All of these men

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Good	Hoodlum activities

Personal Data

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were from Chicago and he believed MESSINO or "BATES" as he was called, was [redacted] Chicago mob. He said he has not seen him since and does not know what connection, if any, he might have had with FRANK BALISTRIERI.

Informant stated that [redacted] is very unhappy about having [redacted]

Informant identified [redacted] an Italian by the name of [redacted] of [redacted] as other business men currently [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant stated he understood FRANK BALISTRIERI has [redacted] business on [redacted]

Informant stated he [redacted] recently and he had a smile on his face. [redacted] said that he expected to [redacted] in the next month and that he [redacted] in it for which he would get [redacted]

Informant heard recently that BUSTER BALESTRERE is working in his brother's bar in Kansas City. He said he had heard nothing of BUSTER or JOE GUERERA returning to Milwaukee.

With regard to [redacted], informant stated that neither one had ever been involved in any criminal activity to his knowledge.

Informant said he had heard that [redacted] were still [redacted] occasionally but did not [redacted]

[redacted] is inactive at present as he expects he may receive [redacted] on the [redacted] the Milwaukee PD.

SAC, Milwaukee (92-166) 10/30/63

SAC, Kansas City (92-696) (P)

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
AR

OO: Kansas City

Re Kansas City airtel 8/27/63 and Milwaukee letter to Bureau dated 9/12/63.

Referenced Milwaukee letter designated Kansas City as office of origin. Milwaukee is requested to determine whether all pertinent serials have been forwarded to the Kansas City Division.

In addition, referenced Kansas City airtel mentioned that the Kansas City Office is considering interviewing subject, unless Milwaukee feels that such will not be advisable at this time. Milwaukee is requested to ascertain whether an interview would be feasible with BALESTRERE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted] DATE: 11/1/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. CASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI b7D
☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 10/29/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-310	MOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-105	MITCHELL
BUSTIANO VITO BALISTRERE, aka	92-106	MITCHELL
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka AR	92-257	MOLTZMAN
FRANCIS CONRAD STELLGH, aka	92-315	REED

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI at the present time is very quiet and is just going from [redacted] and [redacted] and then returning to [redacted] He said that at the present time there is [redacted] for [redacted] and that he attributed the inactivity of the outfit to the [redacted] He advised he has not seen FRANK STELLGH with STEVE DE SALVO for the past week. Informant pointed out that DE SALVO usually takes STELLGH with him when he wants [redacted] STELLGH definitely has the reputation of being [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant stated that he has learned that BUSTER BALISTRERE is presently working for his brother, JIMMY, in a tavern in Kansas City and JOE GURERA is still in the contracting business and [redacted]

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

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In regards to possible [redacted] informant said that the outfit [redacted] in the way of [redacted], during the past week but that they still have [redacted] He said that if [redacted] it will be very possibly the week [redacted] will be heaviest. Informant said that in the event [redacted] that he will have [redacted] as [redacted] individuals who know about it and who have been [redacted], and he is one of them. He said that either [redacted] or they will not [redacted] at all.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted] DATE: 11/11/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI
☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact 11/5/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER DALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 KOLTMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKERBEIN
DUSTIANO VITO DALISTRIERI, aka AR	92-166 KNICKERBEIN
WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA, AR	92-57 KNICKERBEIN
FRANCIS CONRAD STULLOH, aka AR	92-315 REED

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant stated that STEVE DE SALVO is still making the [redacted] Italian gamblers and night club operators and that FRANK STULLOH is not accompanying STEVE [redacted] except when STEVE needs him [redacted]

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Informant said that on the night of [redacted] he attended a [redacted] who is [redacted]. He stated that the following individuals were among those in attendance: [redacted] FRANK DALISTRIERI, PETER DALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO, DR. VITO GUARDALABENE, [redacted] TONY PETROLLE, TOMMY MACHI, TONY MACHI, [redacted] JIM JENNARO, [redacted] LOUIS FAZIO and FRANK FAZIO. Also in attendance were JOHNNY RIZZO from Racine

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

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and WILLIAM COVELLI from Kenosha. He stated that Detective [redacted] of the Milwaukee PD Special Squad and his [redacted] also attended [redacted] for approximately two hours. Informant stated that this was strictly [redacted] and that no business of the outfit was discussed there openly.

Informant said that BLACKIE BROCCA is still [redacted] jukeboxes and is placing them from time to time but that it is a very slow business. b6 b7C b7D

Informant said that BUSTER BALESTRERE's wife is visiting in Milwaukee at the present time from Kansas City but that BUSTER is not here with her.

In regards to the [redacted] informant stated that the members of the outfit are still [redacted] in an effort to establish that the same [redacted] all of the time and to ascertain if the same [redacted]. He said that [redacted] it will be very possibly just [redacted] and that it will be called off entirely if [redacted] starts [redacted]. He pointed out that the outfit at the present time is desparately [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 1/14/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[X] CI [ ] SI

[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

1/7/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA	92-262	LE GRAND
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, aka, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166	KNICKREHM
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
FRANCIS CONRAD STELLOH, aka, AR	92-315	THOMPSON

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE
[ ] POSITIVE

Informant advised that on the Monday night [redacted] the [redacted] He said that the purpose of [redacted] was to bring the BALISTRIERI [redacted] on a more friendly basis. Informant said that there has been a [redacted] between these [redacted] and that this [redacted] was evidently planned by FRANK BALISTRIERI. He stated that it started around 7:00 p.m. and that BALISTRIERI furnished [redacted] The [redacted] until around 2:00 a.m. He stated that no business was discussed openly although FRANK BALISTRIERI was doing a great deal of "politicking" during this affair and told his men [redacted] so that they would become more friendly. Informant said that when [redacted] started there

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

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was a [redacted] and members of the [redacted] were not talking to each other very much but that before the night was over they seemed to be on a much friendlier basis. Informant stated that another such [redacted] will be held on Friday night, [redacted] in the same [redacted] He said that in order to [redacted] you walk through the [redacted] of [redacted] where there are stairs leading to [redacted] the stairs and the room is directly in front of you. There were three long tables set up in this room and the head table where FRANK BALISTRIERI sat is against the [redacted] Informant advised that the following individuals attended this [redacted] TONY PETROLLE, TOM MACHI, TONY MACHI, ANDY MACHI, [redacted] VINCE MANIACI, AUGIE MANIACI, MIKE ALBANO, HARRY D'ANGELO, [redacted] VINCE MERCURIO, JOHN AIELLO, [redacted] (the one who lives on [redacted] SHERIFF CEFALU), [redacted] JIMMY JENNARO, [redacted] STEVE DE SALVO, FRANK STELLOH, [redacted] PETER BALISTRIERI, FRANK BALISTRIERI, JOE BALISTRIERI, LOUIE WAZIO, a Dr. BALISTRIERI who is a psychiatrist, [redacted] FRANK CICERELLO, [redacted] and three unknown Italians from out of town. Informant stated that the [redacted] of this list are considered, fair weather, in regards to [redacted] and that they are for either side. They have no set opinions in the matter. He advised that all of the men listed down to STEVE DE SALVO do [redacted] but definitely fear the BALISTRIERI [redacted] He stated that the [redacted] listed are definitely all loyal to FRANK BALISTRIERI.

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Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI did make some remarks on the [redacted] very possibly bringing [redacted] on a more friendly basis so that the Outfit could be better organized. He also remarked that JOE GUERRA and BUSTER BALESTRERE are [redacted] is to be [redacted] which he knows best, which informant interpreted to [redacted] as that is the only business [redacted] knows anything about. [redacted] is considered an expert in that line. BALISTRIERI also said that JOE GUERRA has a restaurant in Kansas City and BUSTER BALESTRERE is tending bar for his brother.

MI [redacted] b7D

Informant stated that the Outfit has not as yet started again [redacted] gamblers and night club operators but they are expected to do so this week. He said that for the past week FRANK STELLOH has been with STEVE DE SALVO a great deal of the time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 2/3/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 1/23/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA	92-262	LE GRAND
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka AR	92-166	KNICKREHM
JOSEPH FRANK GURERS, aka AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
FRANCIS CONRAD STELLOH, aka AR	92-315	REED
WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA, AR	92-57	KNICKREHM
[redacted] AR	92-228	C(thompson)
ANDREW JOSEPH LOCOCO, aka	92-158	RUC(knickrehm)
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka AR	92-164	BROWN
WILLIAM C. COVELLI, aka IGA	162-49	BROWN

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Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE
[ ] POSITIVE

Informant advised that he had learned more concerning FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI's activities while he was away from the Milwaukee area for approximately two weeks in the latter part of [redacted] He stated that FRANK [redacted] for a few days and then went to [redacted] where he stayed at [redacted] ANDY LOCOCO in the suburb of [redacted] for approximately four days. Informant said that everything was [redacted] for FRANK BALISTRIERI while staying there and that he understands that he made a great many long-distance calls

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating: Excellent

Coverage: Gambling

Personal Data

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Knickrehm

MI [redacted] b7D

including at least four to Chicago and six to Kansas City. He said that LOCOCO [redacted] FRANK and also one of LOCOCO's [redacted]

Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI is more sociable lately and is going around visiting members of the outfit, particularly those members [redacted]

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In regards to the [redacted] on the night of [redacted] informant stated that JOE ALIOTA helped in the [redacted] but did not actually attend [redacted] itself. He explained that the [redacted] and ALIOTA was evidently helping them out as he [redacted] all the time. He advised that JOE ENEA did not attend [redacted] around 11:30 PM and stayed for about a half-hour. He then [redacted] and stayed there until around two AM.

Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI has shown [redacted] in possible [redacted] and [redacted] but has not made up his mind definitely as to whether or not he [redacted] He has no idea when FRANKIE would [redacted] for him. Informant further advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI decided [redacted] as [redacted] wanted too much [redacted]

Informant stated that on the night of [redacted] another [redacted] similar to the one on [redacted] was [redacted] and among those present were STEVE DE SALVO, FRANK STELLGH, FRANK BALISTRIERI, MIKE ALBANO, three unknown individuals from Madison and four from Chicago. He also advised that JOHNNY RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI both [redacted] on the night of [redacted]

Informant stated that he did [redacted] inasmuch as he was [redacted] came in to tell him to be there and was not [redacted] having been held until around Sunday, [redacted]

Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] to an individual unknown to him, and [redacted] was supposed to be [redacted]

[redacted] b7D

He said that FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] coin machine operating [redacted] and used jukeboxes and other types of coin vending machines. He said that [redacted] who recently [redacted] such machines. [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI in [redacted] and that [redacted] and BLACKIE BROCCA [redacted] for them. Informant stated the Chicago, New York and Kansas City syndicates supposedly [redacted] in [redacted] Illinois. He does not know the name of [redacted] and stated that this is strictly rumor. He stated that rumor also has it that the [redacted] in Milwaukee [redacted] Chicago, New York and Kansas City syndicates and that [redacted] the syndicates and plan [redacted] on the vending machines that [redacted]. He pointed out that HERMAN MASTOR, [redacted] in this place up until the time he was killed.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 2/10/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

2/7/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ANDY LOCOCO, aka, AR, OO: LA	92-158	(RUC)
LA COSA NOSTRA	92-262	LE GRAND
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, aka, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166	KNICKREHM
JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, aka, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA, aka AR	92-57	C (knickrehm)
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka, AR	92-164	FARRINGTON

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant stated that on the night of [redacted] was attended by approximately 60 individuals, around 30 more than attended the first party there on the night of [redacted] He advised that JOHNNY RIZZO of Kenosha attended this meeting but that there were no outsiders from Chicago or other places. He stated that this was strictly a social gathering to all outward appearances and that the purpose of it was to [redacted] BALISTRIERI and [redacted] in the Outfit. He advised that there were individuals there other than members and that different little groups got together and talked but he does not know what business was possibly transacted. He stated that the same individuals were at this meeting as were at the meeting on [redacted] with the exception of [redacted] Also

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating: Excellent

Coverage: Gambling

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MI [redacted] b7D

the following individuals attended this party who were not present at the previous one: [redacted] FRANK ALIOTO, [redacted] DOMINIC BALISTRIERI, [redacted] SAM CEFALU (brother of SHERIFF CEFALU), [redacted] FRANK and SAM CEFALU, JOHNNY PITCH, WALTER BROCCA, [redacted] Informant said that at the previous party JOE ALIOTA [redacted] but he was not present on this occasion. He further advised that JOE ALIOTA is really in [redacted] with the whole Outfit due to [redacted] he [redacted] on members. He said that [redacted], FRANK BALISTRIERI's [redacted] attended the party for a short period of time.

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Informant said that JOHNNY PITCH, STEVE DE SALVO and FRANK BALISTRIERI all made the remark during the evening that JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALISTRERE [redacted] He further advised that he learned from JOHNNY PITCH that JOE GURERA had a heart attack approximately two weeks ago in Kansas City but is fully recovered and is operating a pizza place and a laundromat next door to the pizza joint.

Informant advised that he had learned that when FRANK BALISTRIERI made a visit of approximately four days to [redacted] ANDY LOCOCO's [redacted] there that there were approximately twenty other men from different places in the United States, who were there at the same time. He said that he does not know the exact date but he was sure it was right after the newspapers gave a great deal of publicity to JOE VALACHI either when he was first given publicity or at the time of his testimony before the Senate hearing. Informant said that he learned that BALISTRIERI was [redacted] at the [redacted] and that a [redacted] by the first name or [redacted] made a record of all long distance calls made by BALISTRIERI while there. He said that BALISTRIERI, among other individuals, called a [redacted] in Chicago. Informant said that he learned that ANDY LOCOCO has [redacted] in a [redacted] area and also has [redacted]

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MI [redacted]

Informant said that an individual by the first name of [redacted] who drives a [redacted], Wisconsin license [redacted] is presently [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and [redacted] He stated that he does not know the name of this individual but will endeavor to obtain same. It is to be noted that Motor Vehicle registrations reflect the above license to be registered to the Selig Executive Lease Corp., 7400 West National Avenue. Records, Selig Executive Lease Corp. reflect this car is rented to [redacted], Milwaukee.

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Informant stated that the Outfit is [redacted] as a member and that he is about the only young Italian that they [redacted] as the other ones do not measure up to expectations. He said that he believes that these will be taken in very shortly as a member.

Informant also stated that there has been no indication of when another party will be held [redacted] and that it is possible that he will not know about the plans until the last moment when he will receive a phone call from FRANK BALISTRIERI or STEVE DE SALVO to show up there.

Informant advised also that he had learned that [redacted] Chicago syndicate, through LOUIS FAZIO of Fazio's on Fifth, [redacted] Chicago. He said [redacted] feels that he needs some [redacted] in his illegal activities in that town.

SAC (92-145-1244-A) 2/26/64

SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
HOODLUM ALBUM

By letter dated 2/14/64 the Bureau advised that photos of the following hoodlums do not meet the criteria prescribed for the hoodlum album set up by the Bureau:

VITO AIELLO;
JOHN AIELLO;
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE;
CARLO DI MAGGIO.

It will be recalled that the photos being placed in the Album at the Bureau must be of recent date and they must bear a good likeness to the hoods involved.

Bulet stated that this office should take immediate steps to obtain more recent photos of the above individuals. The Bureau instructed that if such photos are not available from Police or public sources it would be incumbent upon this office to obtain such photos discreetly. The required photos are to be submitted to reach the Bureau not later than 3/31/64. In the event this is not possible, the Bureau should be advised immediately as to the date when photos will be submitted.

Agents handling the four cases referred to above will take steps to comply with Bureau instructions. Correspondence to the Bureau should refer to the Hoodlum Album but may be submitted under individual caption.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 3/17/64

☒ CI ☐ SI

FROM : SA JOHN H. CASSAWAY

☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact 3/13/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA	92-262 LE GRAND
FRANK PETER PALISTRUNDI, aka	94-316 HOLTZMAN
RUSTIANO VITO PALESTRENT, aka AR	92-166 RUC (Lniehrohm)
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KRICKBRUM
JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, aka AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA, AR	92-57 C(Lniehrohm)

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

[redacted] ITSP 87-6149 C(holtzman) b6
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka AR 92-164 BROWN b7C
WM. C. COVELLI, aka IGA 162-49 BROWN

Informant advised that JOHNNY PITCH, true name PICCURIO, just returned to Milwaukee from Kansas City. He stated that PITCH drove down there, spent one day in Kansas City and then returned. Informant advised that the [redacted] has located its office in a building just south of [redacted] but they are not set up for starting their business in juke-box and vending machines quite yet. He said that they will probably put a girl in there to answer the phone and that [redacted] and BLACKIE BROCCA will do the majority of [redacted] He advised that they are going to have a jukebox

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

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MI [redacted] b7D

route and any machines placed in taverns, and so forth, will [redacted] He stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI has definitely [redacted] this business venture and that as far as he knows [redacted] around the place and that [redacted] will ostensibly to [redacted] Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI is presently making [redacted] on his [redacted] He said that the place is jammed every night by young people interested in this [redacted]

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In regards to [redacted] SIEGEL, who operates the place known as the Gay '90's, informant stated that SIEGEL is an ex-gambler and is also an ex-bartender and advised that [redacted] is a toastmaster at District Attorney and other conventions in Milwaukee, is well liked by everyone and has no actual connection with the outfit in Milwaukee. He stated that as far as he knows SIEGEL is clean of any such association.

In regards to [redacted] who [redacted] on [redacted], informant advised that [redacted] is a very close friend of [redacted] association in this area and [redacted] in turn, is a close associate of PHIL VALASY, head of the bartenders' union and an individual with definite connections with the Milwaukee outfit. Informant stated that [redacted] has a lot of [redacted] and that he was a close friend of former Chief of Police JOHN POLCYN, [redacted] Milwaukee PD, and former captain [redacted] of that department. He said that [redacted] is the type of person who gets prominent [redacted] and other men in public life to [redacted] becomes well acquainted with them and then [redacted] from them.

Informant stated that [redacted] still [redacted] Milwaukee outfit and STEVE DE SALVO gets the [redacted] He does not know how [redacted] BUSTER in Kansas City. In regards to information that came to the attention of the Milwaukee Office that FRANK STELLAR was in the Kenosha area during the [redacted] and was seen at one time with TONY

MI [redacted] b7D

HOFFMAN around TONY's boat at the Kenosha Yacht Club during the [redacted] informant advised that he knew nothing concerning this. He stated that JOHNY G., STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER DALESSANDRO went to Kenosha regularly, at least twice a week during the summer of [redacted] and cabareted there a great deal with JOHNNY RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI. They also took part in and [redacted] RIZZO and COVELLI. He said that on occasions FRANK STELLACI accompanied them to Kenosha, but he knows nothing concerning STELLACI knowing TONY HOFFMAN at that time.

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Informant was questioned concerning the identity of a man, possibly from Illinois, by the name of [redacted] who had [redacted] in the [redacted] and was also questioned as to whether [redacted] might have set up or been involved in the HOFFMAN abduction. Informant said he does not know of any man by the name of [redacted] and was not acquainted with [redacted]. He pointed out that BILL COVELLI has the nickname of "WEASEL."

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)
ATTN: SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

3/26/64

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166)

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
AR

OO: KANSAS CITY

Re BUlet to Albany 9/10/63 captioned, "CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, HOODLUM ALBUM" and BUlet to Milwaukee 2/14/64 captioned "CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, HOODLUM ALBUM."

Enclosed herewith is a recent photo of the subject.

3 - Bureau (RM) (Encs. 2) (92-5130)
1 - Kansas City (92-[illegible]) (Info)
1 - Milwaukee (92-166)

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 3/23/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
3/20/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ANDREW JOSEPH LOCCCO, aka, AR	92-158 RUC(knickrehm)
LA COSA NOSTRA	92-262 LE GRAND
FRANK ESTEE BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166 RUC(knickrehm)
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, aka, AR	92-165 [illegible]
JOSEPH FRANK GUDEDA, aka, AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA, AR	92-57 C(knickrehm)
[redacted] ITSP	87-6140 C(holtzman)
AL ALBAIRA, aka, AR	92-316 BROWN

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

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Informant stated that [redacted] ANDY LOCCCO of [redacted] was in Milwaukee for a visit approximately a [redacted] and he does not know the purpose of this visit or whether or not [redacted]. He stated that he did know that [redacted] where the latter [redacted] a [redacted]

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Informant stated that as soon as the [redacted] is completed in Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Italian Outfit is going to be reorganized, according to FRANK BALISTRIERI. He said that if this is done it will mean that there will be plenty of action in the Milwaukee area. He further advised that the Outfit ceased their [redacted]

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

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last week because of [redacted] and will resume when [redacted] He said that from rumors he has heard emanating from the Courthouse in Milwaukee an official statement will be made this afternoon, [redacted] and [redacted] as far [redacted] are concerned will be ended. He also stated that he had learned that several more [redacted] were to be [redacted] at 3:30 p.m. on [redacted] two of which would be for [redacted] and SHERIFF CEFALU. b6 b7C b7D

It is to be noted that in the late afternoon of 3/20/64 Judge JOHN COFFEY, handling the John Doe hearing, officially announced that the John Doe inquiry was ended and several warrants were issued, including [redacted] and SHERIFF CEFALU.

Informant advised that [redacted] is personally working from time to time doing labor work at [redacted] which [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and [redacted] and BLACKIE BROCCA.

He said that FRANK STELLON has not been seen around Milwaukee in his usual haunts the past [redacted] and it is very possible that he is laying low, like the rest of the hoodlums, because of the [redacted]

Informant stated that AL ALBANA of Kenosha, Wisconsin, was at the [redacted] on Thursday night, [redacted] by himself. ALBANA told him that Kenosha is [redacted] as far as gambling is concerned and there is [redacted] there at the present time.

Informant stated that he anticipates JOE CURERA and BUSTER BALISTRERE [redacted] after the [redacted] and the individuals [redacted] as a result of [redacted]. He said that FRANK BALISTRIERI again made the remark that [redacted] in a short time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 4/9/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
4/3/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA, AR	92-262 LE GRAND
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	94-316 BOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALISTRERE, AR	92-166 RUC(Knickrehm)
JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, aka AR	92-257 BOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-166 KNICKREHM
FRANCIS CONRAD STELLICH, aka AR	92-315 P#(reed)
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	92-226 C(boltzman)

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that ANGELO ALIOTO is trying at the present time to [redacted] Sheriff MIKE WOLKE to [redacted] being held for [redacted] PETER BALISTRIERI, on [redacted] He advised that AL ALBANO, JOHNNY RIZZO and WEASER COVELLI will probably attend this [redacted] together with members of the Milwaukee outfit.

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Informant stated that the outcome of the election of mayor, supervisors and aldermen in Milwaukee on Tuesday, 4/7/64, will have a heavy bearing on the future activities of the outfit.

92-166-272

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

Personal Data

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RE [redacted] b7D

Informant advised that he has now learned that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA will [redacted] before [redacted] He said that they do not plan to [redacted] until they have been here two or three months and make sure that they want [redacted] He said that the present plans call for them [redacted] and that four of the top men in the Milwaukee outfit will be operating it. He said that [redacted] and that JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE will [redacted] wherever the [redacted] He said that FRANK BALISTRIERI will [redacted] and that BUSTER BALESTRERE will probably be [redacted] He said that the outfit has decided on starting [redacted] as there is a [redacted] and it is not a federal violation.

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He said that at the present time all the outfit is doing is [redacted] among members who have [redacted] in the past. He said that there will be another [redacted] in the next month or so--at least before the hot weather sets in. Informant stated that the majority of the members of the outfit are aware of the fact that things are [redacted] for them shortly and there are jobs for a majority of them. He said that the morale of the members is higher in anticipation of better times to come. He advised that the BALISTRIERI [redacted] by giving them small jobs in a gambling joint or other places in the outfit to keep them happy and to let them be recognized. He further advised that FRANK STELLOR has not been mentioned at all in these plans.

Informant advised that for the past two weeks the Milwaukee outfit has [redacted] from Italian gamblers and night club operators. He believes that the reason for this situation is to endeavor to build up good will among the members of the outfit and not have any bickering at the present time.

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 4/27/64

TO: SAC [redacted]

FROM: SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON b7D

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Re: LA COSA NOSTRA

MEMBERSHIP

Extreme care should be exercised in connection with Membership in La Cosa Nostra insofar as interviews are concerned. It should not be stated or intimated that we know who the members are. Obviously this could constitute a breach of security for our informant.

On 4/23/64 [redacted] identified the members of the Milwaukee family of La Cosa Nostra as follows, but stated that he relied solely on memory and might be able to add additional members later: b7D

JOHN AIELLO, made while SAM FERRARA was boss (subject of 92-227), only a soldier;

VITO AIELLO, made while SAM FERRARA was boss (subject of 92-364), only a soldier;

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1 - 92-226
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1 - 92-136
1 - 92-New (MIKE ALBANO)
1 - 92-New (TONY ALBANO)
1 - 92-New (JOSEPH BALISTRIERI)
1 - 92-New (JOSEPH CAMINITI)
1 - 92-New (SALVATORE "SAM" DI MAGGIO)
1 - 92-New [redacted] b6 b7C
1 - 92-New (JOSEPH GUMINA)
1 - 92-New (SANTO MARINO)
1 - 92-New (MIGELE "MIKE" MINEO)
1 - 92-New (JOHN PERNICE) 92-166-273
1 - 92-New (JOE RIZZO)
1 - 92-New (JOE SPERO)
1 - 92-New (CHARLES ZARCONE)
1 - 92-New (JAMES DI GEORGE)

MI [redacted] b7D

JOHN ALIOTO, made during regime of VITO GUARDALABENE, former boss (subject of 92-84), believed to be capo decina at present for the older members or soldiers;

ALBERT ALBANA, of Kenosha, was made in the early months of 1963 (subject of 92-316);

MIKE ALBANO, runs Angelo's Pizzaria in Milwaukee, long-time member;

TONY ALBANO, uncle of MIKE ALBANO, retired but worked for city, age 70's, 5'4" or 5'5", stocky build;

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, boss, was made along with JOHN DI TRAPANI a couple of years before DI TRAPANI's murder (1954) during the regime of SAM FERRARA (subject of 94-316);

JOSEPH BALISTRIERI, father of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, a soldier and long-time member;

PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, brother of FRANK PETER, was made in the early months of 1963 and is capo decina (subject of 92-226);

JOSEPH CAMINITI, an official of the Truck Drivers and Allied Industries Local Number 257 with membership in the petroleum, automotive, coal and ice industry. He was made in Chicago in the days of JOE AIELLO but presently belongs to the Milwaukee family and is the closest confidant of FRANK BALISTRIERI even ahead of his brother, PETER, and STEVE DE SALVO. He does not look like an Italian and very few people know or suspect that he is a member;

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HARRY DeANGELO, wanted to become a member when SAM FERRARA was boss but FERRARA did not like him and he did not get his opportunity until made in the early months of 1963; made at the same time as [redacted] works for the City in possibly the Sanitation or Garbage Department, about 55 years old, 5'4" tall, married, (subject of 92-326);

CARLO DI MAGGIO, soldier and long-time member (subject of 92-362);

SALVATORE "SAM" DI MAGGIO, was made when FERRARA was boss; has long criminal record; son of CARLO;

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[redacted] (first name probably [redacted]. lived in Milwaukee years ago and then spent about [redacted] returned to Milwaukee approximately [redacted] JOHN TRILIEGI; was made along with HARRY DE ANGELO in the early months of 1963;

STEVE DE SALVO, confidant of FRANK BALISTRIERI, made along with PETER BALISTRIERI in 1963 (subject of 92-165); b6 b7C

SAM FERRARA, was boss after JOSEPH VALONE and before JOHN ALIOTO, mostly inactive today, holds no office (subject of 92-361);

JOSEPH GUMINA, soldier; is of no particular importance as he is about 65 years of age (short and stocky) and works somewhere in a shop. He [redacted] and [redacted];

AUGUST MANIACI, long-time member, not known to hold any office (subject of 94-318);

SANTO MARINO, soldier, not active, brother-in-law of SAM FERRARA, runs a tavern at about 17th and State and is in his 50's;

MIGELE "MIKE" MINEO, made in Chicago and came to Milwaukee during the days when CAPONE was fighting with the AIELLOs; works at Schlitz Brewery, is close to 70, 5'6" or 5'7", dark hair, balding, soldier, not active in affairs;

JOHN PERNICE, soldier, former bootlegger, never seems to have had a job, inactive as he is in his 70's, is about 6', weighs about 200 pounds;

DOMINIC PRINCIPE, made in early months of 1963, from Kenosha, made along with ALBERT ALBANA (subject of 92-318);

JOE RIZZO, soldier, but doesn't participate in activities any more, worked as bartender as well as in various shops; about 55, 5'9", stocky build, married to a LOMENZO;

JOSEPH SPERO, soldier, but doesn't participate in activities any more; works for the City, possibly in the Garbage Department; is in his 50's, 5'5", medium build, married;

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CHARLES ZARCONE, may be consuleri as he is the last one known to have held this position; is a retired butcher in his 70's and about 5'9".

Informant said that NICK FUGARINO was close to the organization but was not a member.

Informant said that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOSEPH GURERA were both made in Kansas City. (They both currently live there.) When in Milwaukee they took part as members of the Milwaukee family. (BALESTRERE is subject of 92-166; GURERA is subject of 92-257.)

Informant said that FRANK LA GALBO, operator of Chico's on Farwell Avenue, was a member of the Chicago family although he lived in Milwaukee. He does not participate in Milwaukee affairs directly (subject of 92-371).

Informant said that JOHN DI BELLA was made in the old country and probably has his connection with the Chicago family or through JOE BONANO with whom he has strong personal ties (subject of 92-136).

Informant said that JAMES DI GEORGE of Adams County is a member of the Chicago family. He got into trouble and was marked for a hit but got a pass and now lives in exile.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 5/1/64

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

☒ CI ☐ SI

☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
4/22/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT	80-448
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166 KNICKREHM
DOMINIC FRINZI, aka, AR	92-222 HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant said that with the change of Chiefs in the Milwaukee PD he expects a slight let-up in the pressure on Italian hoodlums but does not expect them to be able to get away with any rough stuff and does not believe that the PD will permit any outsiders to come into the city and operate. He said that the Italian hoodlums feel that HAROLD BREIER, the new Chief, [redacted] man in the Department and [redacted] the Vice Details, the Inspector of Detectives [redacted] and his Captain [redacted] will "go right down the line."

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Informant said that BUSTER BALESTRERE was in town for just a few days to [redacted] PETE BALISTRIERI's [redacted] and that although he was supposed to come, "Milwaukee PHIL" ALDERISIO did not show up.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Very Good	Hoodlum

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Informant said that on the afternoon of [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO, [redacted] SAM CEFALU, [redacted] and TONY FAZIO spent the afternoon reminiscing over old times but nothing of significance was discussed. During the course of this conversation, according to FRANK BALISTRIERI, he [redacted] while [redacted] came in for considerable of the discussion in this regard and was adjudged by those present to be nothing more than [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Discussion was also had in this same regard relative to [redacted] which [redacted] and SAM CEFALU have [redacted] and these two individuals particularly are unhappy with [redacted] and it is informant's opinion that he will not [redacted] in the [redacted]

As to DOMINIC FRINZI, informant said that so far as he knows, FRINZI does not represent and has no connection with any union although he has made the statement that he could represent any of them if he so desired. He is a good associate of JOE CAMINITI of the Teamsters Union.

With regard to FRINZI's efforts to enter politics as candidate for Governor of Wisconsin, informant said that FRINZI met frequently with Governor WALLACE of Alabama while the Governor was in Wisconsin and informant is of the opinion that WALLACE encouraged FRINZI to enter the Democratic primary for Governor against REYNOLDS. Informant said that FRINZI's [redacted] having been active successfully in a number of previous [redacted]

Informant said that FRANK BALISTRIERI's son, JOSEPH, may be getting married soon to an unknown girl from Kansas City who was here [redacted] PETE BALISTRIERI's [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted] DATE: 5/6/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[X] CI [ ] SI

b7D [ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 4/24/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI	94-316 HOLTZMAN
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka CO: KC	92-166 RUC (knickrehm)
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
FRANCIS CONRAD STELLOH, aka	92-315 P* (reed)
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	92-226 C(holtzman)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE
[ ] POSITIVE

AL ALBANA, aka AR	92-316 BROWN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka AR	92-164 BROWN
[redacted] AR	92-317
ANDREW JOSEPH LOCOCO, aka	92-158 RUC (Knickrehm)
WILLIAM C. COVELLI, IGA	162-49 BROWN

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Informant advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE came to Milwaukee just to [redacted] PETER BALISTRIERI's [redacted] He said that the [redacted] and that BUSTER left Milwaukee on Tuesday, [redacted] He said that BUSTER told him that JOE GURERA had another heart attack and was unable to come to [redacted] BUSTER is opening a new pizza house in the

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[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

Personal Data

1-94-316 1-92-166 1-92-165 1-92-257
1-92-315 1-92-226 1-92-316 1-92-164
JHG:bs 1-162-49 1-92-158 1-92-317
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Kansas City area and said that he planned [redacted] sometime in the near future. He also said that JOE GUERRA, due to his heart condition, is not planning [redacted]

Informant said that [redacted] was at [redacted] representing both himself [redacted] ANDY LOCCO, and that there were some men there from Las Vegas and California and also TONY ACCARDO sent a representative whom he believed to be MURRAY HUMPHREY as they referred to him as "the camel." He said that an individual by the last name of [redacted] and other one by the last name of [redacted] both of whom were supposed to be from California, were at [redacted] as well as a [redacted] who was from Cleveland or St. Paul. He advised that BILL COVELLI, AL ALBANA and JOHNNY RIZZO from Kenosha were there, and [redacted] of Antioch, Illinois, also attended. b6 b7C b7D

Informant advised that he learned through RIZZO and COVELLI that they [redacted] in regards to [redacted] investigation being conducted in Kenosha. He said that someone who is assisting in conducting this investigation [redacted] to RIZZO and COVELLI on what is being found out.

Informant stated that on the night of [redacted] held at [redacted] who is being [redacted] soon, and a [redacted] by TONY PETROLLE, [redacted], LOUIE FAZIO and TONY MACHI.

Informant stated that he does not know exactly who attended the meeting on Friday night, [redacted]. He does know that BUSTER BALISTRERI did not make the meeting as he was feeling well and was not up to attending. He said that later on in the evening FRANK BALISTRIERI, PETER BALISTRIERI, [redacted] JOHN PITCH, STEVE DE SALVO and FRANK STELLOH came into [redacted] together. He has no idea what went on at the meeting.

Informant advised STEVE DE SALVO is [redacted] in the outfit, and he and FRANK STELLOH are [redacted] in the area soon. He said that they have not mentioned any names as yet but that they are definitely [redacted] as they are talking of ways of possibly [redacted] and STEVE acts as if he [redacted] Informant

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suggested that Sgt. [redacted], Milwaukee PD, formerly on the Security Squad, and [redacted], who is still on the Security Squad, be told that the FBI has heard a rumor that STEVE DE SALVO [redacted] TONY PETROLLE. He explained that [redacted] would feed this information to PETROLLE and the latter would run right to FRANK BALISTRIERI to try to get the matter straightened out. He said in that way he may very possibly hear who is actually the one DE SALVO [redacted] and plans [redacted]

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Informant stated that the [redacted] will be resumed the week of [redacted] for everyone who [redacted] before and some more will be added to the list. He said that there will be a great deal of griping concerning this, but STEVE DE SALVO has said that there is going to be some [redacted] if they do not [redacted]

Informant was questioned as to whether BUSTER BALESTRERE was [redacted] when he went to Kansas City last year. He pointed out that BUSTER BALESTRERE left town on FRANK BALISTRIERI's orders and naturally would have been worried at the time [redacted] but he actually had nothing to worry about as long as he followed BALISTRIERI's orders.

He advised that Milwaukee Phil ALDERISIO was not at PETER BALISTRIERI's [redacted] He said that he was told at [redacted] sent a very [redacted] but he does not know the nature of [redacted]

Informant stated that Joe's Spaghetti House at 519 W. Wells St. is a hangout for Italian hoodlums and a great many of them meet there. He stated that as far as he knows they do not carry on any of their legal activities at that place, but it is handy for a meeting place downtown.

Informant was questioned as to the activities of [redacted] of Kenosha. He stated he has not seen him for quite a period of time and that he asked WILLIAM COVELLI about [redacted] at the BALISTRIERI [redacted], and WILLIAM said that [redacted] was very quiet at the present time.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 5/5/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. GAMBAWAY

[X] CI [ ] SI [ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 4/17/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA, AR	92-262 LE GRAND
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka AR	92-166 RUC (Knickrehm)
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA, AR	92-57 KNICKREHM
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka AR	92-164 BROWN
WILLIAM C. COVELLI, aka IGA	162-49 BROWN
PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	92-236 C(holtzman)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE
[ ] POSITIVE

Informant advised that [redacted] PETER BALISTRIERI, was held at [redacted] on Sunday night, [redacted] and that all the members of the Milwaukee outfit were present with the exception of the [redacted], who are on [redacted] with the BALISTRIERI [redacted] He said that JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI from Kenosha also attended this affair and that they both claim that there is [redacted] going on in Kenosha at the present time. He stated that COVELLI and RIZZO plan to start [redacted] in Illinois tomorrow, [redacted]

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Informant stated that [redacted] was held at this [redacted] [redacted] and that no business was transacted openly. He stated that the men did talk in small groups, and most

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating Excellent

Coverage Gambling

Personal Data

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1-92-262 1-94-316 1-92-166
1-92-165 1-92-257 1-92-57
1-92-226 1-92-104 1-162-49
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of the conversation was relative to DOMINIC FRINZI running for governor and their plans to help him in his campaign.

Informant stated that he had just left BUSTER BALISTRIERI at [redacted] and that BUSTER had just arrived from Kansas City approximately two hours ago. He said that he believes that BUSTER has come to town to attend [redacted] PETER BALISTRIERI's [redacted] which will be held on Saturday, [redacted] at nine AM at [redacted] He advised that BUSTER mentioned some sort of a meeting he was going to attend at 7:30 PM at [redacted] He said that this is the [redacted] man in which DOMINIC FRINZI has [redacted] He stated that BUSTER mentioned to him that FRANK BALISTRIERI was holding this meeting but did not say who would be in attendance there other than FRANK BALISTRIERI.

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Later, on the afternoon of [redacted] informant telephonically advised that he learned that the meeting was going to be held at [redacted] rather than the [redacted] at around 7:30 PM. He still did not know exactly who would be there.

Informant advised that DOMINIC FRINZI is really serious in his running for governor in the Democratic Primary against JOHN REYNOLDS. He stated that the outfit plans to open a headquarters and that FRINZI will be definitely supported by everyone in the outfit and they will all work actively for him. He stated that if FRINZI does not win the primary, he will swing his votes to the candidate who would do the most for the outfit.

Informant advised that MACKIE BROCCA and JOE ENEA are operating Joe's Spaghetti House on West Wells Street and that the license is in the name of JOE ENEA. He advised that the heavyset man with glasses who [redacted] from time to time [redacted] PETER BALISTRIERI [redacted] and [redacted] He said that he does not know this man's true name but they call him [redacted] as he is [redacted] Informant said that the basement of Joe's Spaghetti House contains a storeroom where they can store food stuff but that there is no desk or office down there. He also stated that the basement is blocked off from the tavern next door, and there is no way of going from that basement to the Wells Street Hotel, which is two or three doors away.

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Informant advised that JOHNNY DE SALVO is hanging around Fazio's on 5th quite often at the present time for nothing better to do and that he meets hoodlums there from time to time and discusses business with them.

Informant advised that he has heard a rumor that FRANK SALISTRIERI is supposedly [redacted] He said that he will endeavor to confirm this rumor and obtain her name and address.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted] DATE: 5/3/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. CASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 5/3/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA, AR	92-262	LE GRAND
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka AR	92-166	RUC (knickrehm)
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
JOSEPH FRANK GUBERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
FRANK STELLON, aka AR	92-315	P*(reed)

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA, AR	92-57	KNICKREHM
[redacted] AR	92-228	C(thompson)
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka ar	92-164	BROWN
DOMINIC HENRY FRINZI, AR	92-222	P*(holtzman)
WILLIAM C. COVELLI, aka ICA	162-49	BROWN

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Informant was questioned concerning a rumor that WILLIAM COVELLI, JOHN RIZZO and FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] in [redacted] Ill., but [redacted] so far due to the fact that [redacted] for it. Informant stated that he has heard nothing concerning the [redacted] by the above three individuals. He said, however, that

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

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1-92-165 1-92-257 1-92-315
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JHG:bs 1-162-49 1-92-222
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FRANK BALISTRIERI is [redacted] as it is very possible that [redacted] and the [redacted] if the City of Milwaukee goes through with their [redacted] program. He stated that BALISTRIERI has looked at [redacted] but has not yet made up his mind where he will [redacted]

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Informant stated that he still has not been able to obtain any information as to the identity of the individual whom STEVE DE SALVO and FRANK STELLOH [redacted] and whom they [redacted] He stated that both STEVE DE SALVO and FRANK BALISTRIERI are in a [redacted] and are definitely [redacted], and he is [redacted] in the near future. Informant pointed out that FRANK STELLOH is traveling with STEVE DE SALVO all of the time now, and this is usually a [redacted] as STELLOH has not been traveling with DE SALVO except when he is needed [redacted]

Informant stated that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and that he plans to [redacted] in the near future. He said that [redacted] is helping them out with vending machines at the present time. He stated that they not as yet have had to [redacted] as they are selling the vending machines rather than placing them in taverns on a lease or part-profit basis.

Informant stated that DOMINIC FRINZI, the outfit attorney, is very serious in his campaign for governor. He stated that FRINZI is going to open a headquarters and that he will have the whole outfit behind him. He said that they are not planning to throw away a lot of money on the campaign but that FRINZI will have the money he needs at his disposal. He said that FRINZI has stated that he does not expect to be elected governor but expects to use the publicity to later become a judge of criminal court, which is his real ambition.

Informant advised that nothing else has been done concerning the gambling game planned to be set up in Milwaukee by BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] He said that it will

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not be set up until after BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] due to the fact that JOE GUERRA suffered another heart attack and now it appears as if GUERRA will not return to Milwaukee due to his chronic heart trouble.

Informant advised that [redacted] of Milwaukee is supposedly on the [redacted] now. b6 b7C b7D

In regards to Joe's Spaghetti House on West Wells St., which is operated by JOE INGA and BLACKIE BROCCA, informant stated that it is an Italian hoodlum hangout, but nothing actually takes place there. He stated that JOE and BLACKIE do the cooking, and a waitress waits on the customers. He said that the Greek restaurant in the same block closed up and that the cook from that place is now working for JOE and BLACKIE and may very possibly be sleeping there at night, although he does not know for sure about this.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 5/15/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 5/11/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka AR	92-166 RUC(knickrehm)
JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM
FRANCIS CONRAD STELLOH, aka AR	92-315 P*(reed)
WALTER DIACKIE BROCCA, AR	92-57 KNICKREHM
DOMINIC HENRY FRINZI, AR	92-222 P*(holtzman)

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI is in the process of the organizing and strengthening of the Milwaukee outfit and hopes to finish this project shortly so that the outfit can start making money. He said that FRANK seemed happy with Mayor MEIER and COP HAROLD MEIER. He advised that FRANK is [redacted] SAM DE MAGGIO getting [redacted] again and has made the statement that he has given up on him. He further advised that BALISTRIERI is still [redacted] and [redacted] and STEVE DE SALVO is definitely planning [redacted] and is presently trying to think of some [redacted] with FRANK STELLOH. He stated that neither BALISTRIERI or DE SALVO has given any indication as

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Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
☐	Excellent	Gambling

Personal Data

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JHG:ba 1-92-222
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to whom [redacted] but he still feels [redacted] TONY PETROLLE as he has really [redacted] about having [redacted] He stated that last week [redacted] and [redacted] definitely made their [redacted]

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Informant also stated that [redacted] is in [redacted] with the outfit over the [redacted] He said that [redacted] that he has obtained with [redacted] and that something happened last week that caused [redacted] to have a [redacted] He does not think it is serious enough to [redacted]

Informant advised that the gamblers and hoodlums will definitely be frequenting JOE ENEA's Spaghetti House on West Wells at night now that the Belmont Coffee Shop is closing at eight PM. He said that the actual reason for closing the coffee shop was due to the fact that a great many sexual perverts were frequenting the place.

Informant said that he learned that JOE GUERRA is still recovering from his most recent heart attack and that there is no conversation at the present time on the possibility of BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GUERRA [redacted] He said that they would not [redacted] is [redacted] anyway as BUSTER [redacted] at the present time. He said that he did learn that BUSTER BALESTRERE has not as yet opened up his new pizza place at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI is still [redacted] a [redacted] area so he can [redacted] He said that although he has not located a [redacted] as yet, BALISTRIERI has already made arrangements for [redacted] to furnish the [redacted]

Informant stated that the outfit is really pushing DOMINIC FRINKI for Governor and that DOMINIC plans to open a headquarters in the near future and is getting campaign committees together. He said that DOMINIC plans to turn

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his legal work over to his assistants and is going to make a tour of the State. He further advised that DOMINIC FRINZI is considering [redacted] an attorney and associate of his, [redacted] He stated that FRINZI is asking for financial contributions from the Italians and that the outfit will definitely back him financially and in any other way possible; however, at the present time the outfit [redacted] at least does not [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI would like to [redacted]

Informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI advised that the outfit is prepared to [redacted] in Wisconsin. He stated that if it is [redacted] they then plan to try to [redacted] somewhere north of Milwaukee like [redacted] so it will not be too close to Chicago and would probably draw people who have never gone [redacted] before.

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Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 5/15/64

TO: FILE [redacted]

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FROM: SAC

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Re Memo of SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON 4/27/64 which bears the subcaption "La Cosa Nostra - Membership."

This is to advise that the following procedure will be followed when reporting information set out in referenced memo in the various individuals' files (exception in the case of 92-262):

1. Set out information on Membership in La Cosa Nostra only on Administrative Pages of reports on individuals concerned.

2. This information should be set out as follows: "On 4/23/64 [redacted] advised SAs ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and RICHARD C. THOMPSON that _____ was a member of the Milwaukee family of La Cosa Nostra."

1 - [redacted]	1 - 92-371
1 - 92-262	1 - 92-136
1 - 92-227	1 - 92-428
1 - 92-364	1 - 92-421
1 - 92-84	1 - 92-422
1 - 92-316	1 - 92-426
1 - 94-316	1 - 92-425
1 - 92-226	1 - 92-427
1 - 92-326	1 - 92-430
1 - 92-362	1 - 92-429
1 - 92-165	1 - 92-420
1 - 92-361	1 - 92-432
1 - 94-318	1 - 92-431
1 - 92-318	1 - 92-423
1 - 92-166	1 - 92-419
1 - 92-257	1 - 92-424

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3. In the cases of PETER BALISTRIERI and JOHN ALIOTO add to the above the information that they are capodecina.

In the case of CHARLES ZARCONE, add that he may be consuleri, as he was the last person known to occupy this position.

In the case of FRANK BALISTRIERI, add that he is the boss of the Milwaukee family.

In the case of JOSEPH CAMINITI, add that he is the closest confidant of FRANK BALISTRIERI.

In the future forms FD-209 containing information from this informant will also contain instructions as to the manner in which information should be reported in individual files.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 5/14/64

FROM : SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON

☒ CI ☐ SI
☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
4/28/64 by SAs ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and THOMPSON

Titles and File #s on which contacted

ALBERT ALBANA, aka, AR	92-316	BROWN
DOMINIC PRINCIPE, aka, AR	92-318	BROWN
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	92-226	HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166	KNICKREHM

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

On 4/28/64 informant said that PETE BALISTRIERI's [redacted] and a [redacted] during the afternoon and evening. Informant said that during the afternoon DOMINIC PRINCIPE and ALBERT ALBANA of Kenosha were [redacted] as well as BUSTER BALESTRERE and JIMMY BALESTRERE and JOHN MOLLE of Kansas City.

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The above may be set out in the details of a report, as may be desired.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	AR

Personal Data

92-166-281

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1 - 92-318
1 - 92-226
1 - 92-166
RCT/lmp
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted] DATE: 5/27/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY b7D

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 5/18/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA, AR	92-262 LE GRAND
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka	94-316 HOLTZMAN
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka AR	92-166 RUC(knickrehm)
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM
FRANCIS CONRAD STELLOH, aka AR	92-315 P*(reed)

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA, AR	92-57 KNICKREHM
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	92-226 C(holtzman)
AL ALBANA, aka AR	92-316 BROWN
WILLIAM C. COVELLI, aka IGA	162-49 BROWN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka AR	92-164 BROWN
JOE ENEA, AR	92-187

Informant advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI is really [redacted] but is complaining about [redacted] as they are having difficulty selling many jukeboxes and other vending machines. He stated that he knows nothing concerning the possible attempt of [redacted] Wisc. b7D

He advised that on 5/18/64, at around one PM, he saw FRANK BALISTRIERI parked by the new building located at the southwest corner of Wells and Van Buren, just sitting there

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling

Personal Data

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MAY [illegible]

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1-92-165	1-92-315	1-92-57	1-92-226
JHG:bs	1-92-316	1-162-49	1-92-164
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in the car. He said that he must have been meeting someone as he appeared to be waiting for someone to come.

Informant advised that he learned from PETER BALISTRIERI that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA plan to make a trip to Milwaukee next month. He said that PETER did not indicate whether the two of them were just going to pay a short visit [redacted] He said that he has the feeling that BUSTER might very [redacted] but JOE GURERA probably will not due to his heart condition. He said that no more discussion has come up concerning the plan to [redacted] when and if BUSTER And JOE [redacted]

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Informant stated that [redacted] and BLACKIE BROCCA have [redacted] over something. He said that BLACKIE seems to be [redacted] and has been seen in a huddle with MIKE ALBANO several times in the past week at ALBANO's place of business. He said that STEVE DE SALVO and FRANK BALISTRIERI are [redacted], and he is quite sure that they are planning [redacted] but he has heard no rumors as to the possible [redacted]

In regards to JOE ENEA and BLACKIE BROCCA running Joe's Spaghetti House on West Wells, informant stated that these individuals have clashing personalities and it will not be long before they have a falling out and will probably split up. He said that AUGIE MANIACI, JOHN AIELLO and the rest of their crowd are hanging out at ENEA's Spaghetti House but that the BALISTRIERI faction in the outfit is not hanging out there as they have no use for ENEA or BLACKIE BROCCA at the present time.

Informant advised that AL ALBANO of Kenosha has not been in Milwaukee for a couple of weeks. He stated that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHNNY RIZZO go to [redacted] in the Chicago, Illinois, area every day [redacted] He stated that [redacted] at the Illinois [redacted] and also an individual by the last name of [redacted] He said that [redacted] and the last individual [redacted]

Informant advised that the outfit is [redacted] from [redacted] of [redacted] ROBERT PICK and TONY PETROLLE.

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He said that [redacted] as he has not been doing well lately [redacted] and is rather [redacted]

In answer to question, informant advised that he is not at all well acquainted with JOE CAMINITI, a business agent for one of the unions in Milwaukee, but will endeavor to ascertain something concerning him. He stated that [redacted] business [redacted] is a close friend of FRANK BALISTRIERI and is also a very close friend of PHIL VALLEY. [redacted] He stated that [redacted] and also [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 6/3/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

5/24/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA	92-262	LE GRAND
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka	94-316	HOLTZMAN
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka AR	92-166	RUC(knickrehm)
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
FRANCIS CONRAD STELLOH, aka AR	92-315	P*(reed)
WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA, AR	92-57	KNICKREHM
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	92-226	C(holtzman)
AL ALBANA, aka AR	92-316	BROWN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka AR	92-164	BROWN
WILLIAM C. COVELLI, aka IGA	162-49	
JOE ENEA	92-137	

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE
[ ] POSITIVE

Informant advised that he has learned that FRANK BALISTRIERI is leaving town either late on the night of [redacted] or early on the morning of [redacted] He said that he knew this because one of the hoodlums called FRANK BALISTRIERI to make an appointment with him on [redacted] and BALISTRIERI said that he would be busy seeing a few people and then had to leave town. He advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI is very quiet at the present time and is tending strictly to [redacted] off the [redacted]

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Informant advised that PETER BALISTRIERI again mentioned that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA are definitely [redacted]

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

Personal Data

92-166-283

1-92-262	1-94-316	1-92-166	1-92-257
1-92-165	1-92-315	1-92-57	1-92-226
1-92-316	1-92-164	1-162-49	1-92-187

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[redacted] Informant stated that he cannot see them making [redacted] to Milwaukee as they have [redacted] in Kansas City and, also, JOE GUERRA is suffering from heart trouble. He said that FRANK BALISTRIERI made the statement that they would be in [redacted] before JOE GUERRA had a heart attack and has not mentioned it since then.

Informant advised that, as he predicted last week, JOE ENEA and BLACKIE BROCCA had a falling out on the running of Joe's Spaghetti House, and ENEA is now out of the operation entirely. BLACKIE BROCCA is running it by himself.

Informant stated that WILLIAM COVELLI, JOHNNY RIZZO and AL ALBANO have not been to Milwaukee in the past two or three weeks. He said that RIZZO and COVELLI told him themselves at PETER BALISTRIERI's [redacted] that there are [redacted] and they have ways of obtaining information as to [redacted]. He said that they did not mention through whom they are obtaining this. He further advised that [redacted] is presently visiting in Milwaukee from Chicago and that he also made the remark that there are [redacted] He said that the Kenosha investigators are working with Milwaukee PD and Waukegan and Antioch authorities in this investigation and that [redacted] in any of these places. b6 b7C b7D

Informant said that STEVE DE SALVO is still [redacted] at someone and is [redacted] He said that STEVE is upset as he may [redacted] he is operating as [redacted] of the [redacted] to another individual who may put in his [redacted]

Informant advised that DOMINIC FERRI is really campaigning for the Governorship but has advised confidentially that [redacted] but hopes for enough support [redacted] later on. He said that DOMINIC opened his headquarters on W. Wisconsin Ave. between 7th and 8th Street, but no one is ever there.

Informant advised that STEVE DE SALVO is still [redacted], TONY PETROLLE, BOBBY PICK, the [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 6/19/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 6/11/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA	92-262 LE GRAND
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka AR	92-166 RUC(knickrehm)
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA	92-257 HOLTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM
BLACKIE BROCCA, AR	92-57 KNICKREHM

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE
[ ] POSITIVE

[redacted] AR	92-228 C(thompson)
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	92-226 HOLTZMAN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164 FARRINGTON
WILLIAM COVELLI, IGA	162-49 BROWN
DOMINIC FRINZI, AR	92-222 P*(holtzman)
JOSEPH ENEA, AR	92-187 C(knickrehm)

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Informant advised that [redacted] that he has [redacted] answering the telephone and [redacted] and [redacted] is very seldom there. He stated that STEVE DE SALVO made his [redacted] the gamblers and night club operators whose identities have already been furnished.

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Informant was questioned as to why [redacted] at BLACKIE BROCCA's Spaghetti House. He said that [redacted] is a [redacted] and is mixed up in [redacted]

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

Personal Data

File Stamped 6/23/64

1-92-262	1-94-316	1-92-166	1-92-257
1-92-165	1-92-57	1-92-228	1-92-226
1-92-164	1-162-49	1-92-222	1-92-187

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out of Chicago. He said that BLACKIE BROCCA is very possibly [redacted] for some of [redacted] who hang out at BROCCA's Spaghetti House. He further advised that he has noticed that [redacted] has been hanging out at this place a great deal of the time. Also, that VITO and JOHN AIELLO, [redacted] and AUGIE MANIACI go there regularly but none of the FRANK BALISTRIERI faction.

Informant advised that JOHNNY RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI are still [redacted] in Chicago every day and [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant, in answer to question, stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI talks business with very few hoodlums, in fact, is extremely cautious as to whom he talks business with. He said that most of the hoodlums with business problems go to STEVE DE SALVO or PETER BALISTRIERI. He said that PETER [redacted] on [redacted] but waits until later, indicating that he very possibly [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI before [redacted]

Informant advised that on that date a funeral was being held for BERNIE CAPUTO in Madison and that CAPUTO, himself, amounted to practically nothing in the outfit, but his father is a big man. Out of respect to BERNIE's father, the following from Milwaukee were attending the funeral:

FRANK BALISTRIERI
STEVE DE SALVO
MIKE ALBANO
NICK FIGURINO
[redacted]
MIKE AMATO
JOE DENTICE

Informant advised that [redacted] of the Milwaukee PD Security Squad contacted [redacted] and told him that he was the one who had been selected to be [redacted] as he was [redacted] and was organizing things for his personal

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benefit rather than the outfit's. Informant stated that [redacted] is not worried as he does not [redacted] and he believes that this is a [redacted] who has undoubtedly heard the rumor that someone is [redacted] He said that [redacted] also told [redacted] that he, [redacted] heard that JOE GURERA was [redacted]

In regards to MARSHALL CAIFANO of Chicago, Informant advised that this individual is one of the top men in Chicago and [redacted] in Milwaukee for some of the Milwaukee hoodlums who have connections in Chicago. He stated that CAIFANO is a good friend of FRANK BALISTRIERI and from what he has heard CAIFANO has a [redacted] Ill., when it is operating. b6 b7C b7D

Informant also advised that MIKE ALBANO attended the [redacted] TONY ACCARDO's [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted] DATE: 6/24/64

FROM : SA ALBERT R. KRICKEMEYER

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
6/23/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

[redacted] 92-427, AR	92-427	KRICKEMEYER
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	94-310	SULTZMAN
STEVE JOHN DE GALVO, aka, AR	92-105	KRICKEMEYER
WALTER BROCCA, AR	92-57	KRICKEMEYER
JOSEPH FRANK SPERIA, aka, AR	92-257	SULTZMAN
BONTIANO VITO BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	92-166	KRICKEMEYER
ANGELO JOSEPH MARIACI, AR	94-310	THOMPSON
VITO AIELLO, AR	92-304	KRICKEMEYER
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON
IGA	100-1	LE GRAND

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that [redacted] hangs out at NICK FORARIO's, [redacted] He advised that [redacted] that he knows of. He also advised that ANGELO MARIACI, VITO AIELLO, and NICK COLLERO also have been hanging out there and that apparently something is up because they have met there quite frequently.

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Informant advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI has been making frequent [redacted] Wisconsin. He stated that he gathers from FRANK that it has to do with the jukebox business. He advised that he saw FRANK [redacted] and that FRANK mentioned to him he was going to [redacted] Wisconsin on [redacted]

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

Personal Data

92-166-286

1 - 92-427
1 - 92-57
1 - 94-310
1 - 94-310
1 - 92-257
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1 - 92-105
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With regard [redacted] informant advised that BOBBY PICK and TONY PETROLLE are [redacted] supposedly [redacted]

Informant stated that STEVE DE SALVO has been trying to [redacted] inasmuch as someone is [redacted] that he's in now and he has to move. He stated that he hasn't seen STEVE for some time and that he has [redacted] which STEVE was previously [redacted]

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He stated that WALTER BLACKIE, who operates Joe's Spaghetti House, was having [redacted]

He advised that JOHN DI BELLA came into town for the funeral of the father of JOE CAMINITI and that he has been spending quite a bit of time at [redacted] which is owned by a person by the name of [redacted] who is a close friend of DI BELLA's.

Informant stated that the rumors are still strong that JOSEPH GIGENA and BUSTER BALESTRIERE are to [redacted] but that he is inclined to doubt these rumors because both are involved in businesses in Kansas City.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted] DATE: 8/19/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

8/17/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI	94-316 LE GRAND
JOSEPH FRANK GURRRA, aka AR	92-257 LE GRAND
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka AR	92-166 RUC(knickrehm)
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	92-226
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM
WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA, AR	92-57 KNICKREHM

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant said that he has learned that FRANK BALISTRIERI is mad at [redacted] because the latter went into a [redacted] without first getting it okayed by FRANK BALISTRIERI. Informant pointed out that BALISTRIERI is [redacted] and does not like for any of his [redacted] without first clearing to see if it is okay with him. He further advised that PETER BALISTRIERI seems [redacted] that FRANK SANSONE and [redacted] have [redacted] without getting an okay from PETER and FRANK BALISTRIERI. PETER is also upset over the fact that SANSONE and [redacted] of TONY PETROLIN's [redacted] from him without an okay from the heads of the outfit.

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating: Excellent	Coverage: Gambling 92-166-290

Personal Data

1-94-316 1-92-257 1-92-166
1-92-165 1-92-57 1-92-226
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Informant stated the outfit did [redacted] from the gamblers or the taverns. He said that STEVE DE SALVO is very quiet at the present time; in fact, he has not been seen around Milwaukee for the past two weeks.

Informant said that PETER BALISTRIERI made the statement the other night that JOE GUERRA is [redacted] seen for a visit in an attempt to straighten out some matters. He said that when JOE does [redacted] some decision will probably be made as to whether or not he is to [redacted] along with BUSTER BALISTRERE. b6 b7C b7D

Informant said that BLACKIE BROCCA is not doing well at all in operating Joe's Spaghetti House; in fact, is only keeping it open half the time and is not tending to business.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 9/16/64

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICKMEYER

☒ CI ☐ SI
☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
9/10/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA, AR - CONSPIRACY	92-262	LE GRAND
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	94-316	LE GRAND
BUSTIANO VERO BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166	92-5130 ABK
JOSEPH FRANK GURNERA, aka, AR	92-257	LE GRAND
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, aka, AR	92-165	KNICKMEYER
WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA, aka, AR	92-57	KNICKMEYER
GIF	92-145	THEMPSON
IGA	162-1	LE GRAND

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that he saw PETE BALISTRIERI [redacted]. He advised that BALISTRIERI's job with the syndicate apparently is still [redacted] and bring them to the attention of FRANK BALISTRIERI. (It is to be noted that [redacted] PETE BALISTRIERI in order to [redacted])

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Informant advised that he doesn't know whether or not FRANK BALISTRIERI went to San Diego, California for the funeral of his aunt. He stated that things are very quiet around Milwaukee and knows of no criminal activity that FRANK BALISTRIERI is involved in.

With regard to JOSEPH GURNERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE, he advised that he has heard nothing more about their [redacted]

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	AR

Personal Data

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1 - 92-257
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1 - 94-316
1 - 92-165
1 - 92-145

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He advised that WALTER BROCCA's business seems to be picking up a little but that he has to get out of the location by the end of the year since it is being taken over by Time Insurance. He advised that JOE ENKA is presently tending bar at the Downtowner.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 10/9/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

[X] CI [ ] SI b7D
[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 10/2/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA, AR	92-262 LE GRAND
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 LE GRAND
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	92-226 C[redacted]
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka AR	92-166 KNICKREHM
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165 KNICKREHM

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Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE
[ ] POSITIVE

Informant advised that on the night of [redacted] he observed Mayor HENRY MAIER, [redacted] and LOUIE FAZIO in conference in the [redacted] He said that later Mayor MAIER came out [redacted] and sat at a [redacted] with [redacted].

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Informant advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI is worried about [redacted] people and is keeping very quiet. He said that FRANK does not feel that any of his Italian people will furnish any information against him, but he is afraid of other contacts he has had which are not Italian. He said that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI.

Informant stated that STEVE DE SALVO seems to be very inactive at the present time, is in [redacted] and is trying to get

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling

Personal Data

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MI [redacted] b7D

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at [redacted]"

Informant advised that BUSTER DALISTRIERI's wife came to Milwaukee ten days ago and is visiting at the home of PETER DALISTRIERI at the present time. She has said that JOE GUERRA is feeling better and that both he and BUSTER are doing all right in Kansas City. She gave no indication as to whether or not they might be [redacted] at a later date. b6 b7C b7D

Informant advised that BOBBY PICK and PETROLLE are the only gamblers presently [redacted] each, [redacted]
Informant advised that FRANK DALISTRIERI has [redacted] for him. They drive a [redacted] He said that he has misplaced the license number of this car but will furnish it at a later date. He said that these [redacted] are not from Milwaukee, itself, as far as he knows and [redacted] FRANK DALISTRIERI in the role of [redacted] for him.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 10/22/64

FROM : SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON

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[ ] PCI [ ] PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
10/6/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, AR	92-166
VITO BALISTRERE, AR	92-439

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] NEGATIVE
[X] POSITIVE

The following information relating to BUSTER BALESTRERE and VITO BALISTRERE (cases above) should not be set forth in details of a report but may be used on administrative pages:

Informant said that he knew that both BUSTER and VITO were members of La Cosa Nostra, as they had participated in affairs of the La Cosa Nostra family in Milwaukee. Informant stated that Vito was made first -- in Kansas City. BUSTER was also made in Kansas City at a later date but during the regime of Big JIM BALISTRIERI. Informant said that he believed that this was shortly before World War II. BUSTER came to Milwaukee and participated in La Cosa Nostra affairs -- just as VITO had done.

The following information may be set out in details of a report if desired:

[ ] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	excellent	AR

Personal Data

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Informant stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE worked at the Ogden Social Club back in the 1940's when it was operating in Milwaukee. Informant said that VITO was believed to have been on the payroll of the Ogden Social Club at one time and to have also received income from [redacted] as well as from PHIL VALLEY of the bartenders union.

Informant said that he heard that VITO BALISTRERE had either one lung or one kidney because of a pistol shot received many years ago.

Informant also stated that VITO and his wife live rent-free at 1613A North Van Buren Street, behind Costantino's Tavern for the following reasons: Old Man BALISTRIERI, the father of JOSEPH and grandfather of FRANK PETER, owned the property and specified that VITO and his wife could occupy living quarters there as long as they wanted to without paying rent. The property passed on under these conditions to the COSTANTINOs - Mrs. COSTANTINO being a sister of VITO's wife.

In reporting information about BUSTER to Kansas City, a caution should be included to keep information on BUSTER's membership in La Cosa Nostra on administrative pages for the security of this informant.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 10/26/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
10/12/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA, AR	92-262	LE GRAND
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	LE GRAND
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	92-226	C[redacted]
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166	KNICKREHM
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, AR	92-257	LE GRAND
DOMINIC FRINZI, AR	92-222	P*(le grand)
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164	FARRINGTON
WILLIAM COVELLI, IGA	162-49	HIGGINS

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] operating at [redacted], Milwaukee, and that the [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI's nephew, JOE BALISTRIERI. He said that [redacted] and JOE ALIOTO are [redacted] The phone number is BRoadway 2-4298. He advised that [redacted] starts on Friday nights, and is expected [redacted] through Saturday and Sunday. However, if [redacted] on Friday night or late Saturday it will start again on Sunday afternoon around 4:00 p.m. He said that FRANK BALISTRIERI has an okay from the Milwaukee PD Vice Squad to [redacted] and that he wants to [redacted] very shortly. He stated that [redacted] and JOE BALISTRIERI each have [redacted] in [redacted] and FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted]

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	AR, Gambling

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MI [redacted] b7D

Informant advised that he observed that on [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI was driving a [redacted] with Wisconsin license [redacted] He said that he has noticed BALISTRIERI drive this car on several occasions. It is to be noted that this automobile is listed to [redacted], Mis. b6 b7C b7D

Informant advised that [redacted] known as [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI on [redacted] Informant advised that he had learned that [redacted] is going to have the [redacted] until after the election was over. He said that FRANK BALISTRIERI then hopes to put in a [redacted]

He advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI recently made the statement that JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE will be [redacted] but did not say when or how. He stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI also made the statement, "Kenosha belongs to us, always has, and always will," during a discussion of [redacted] there.

Informant said that DOMINIC FRINZI plans to run again for Governor in two years. He is rather depressed over losing the primary and feels that he will win next time. Informant said that he particularly seems to be depressed over the fact that Governor REYNOLDS has not approached him at all for any political help in the November campaign.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 12/14/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

11/30/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

~~FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR~~	~~94-316 (Ie Grand)~~
~~PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR~~	~~92-226~~ [redacted]
~~STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR~~	~~92-165~~ (
~~WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA, AR~~	~~92-57~~
~~BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka, AR~~	~~92-166~~

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE

Informant advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI's [redacted] has been [redacted] He said that he does not know the exact address but it is one [redacted] He stated that [redacted] in [redacted] He advised that [redacted] and JOE BALISTRIERI, son of FRANK BALISTRIERI, assists in the daytime. He advised that JOE ALIOTA, [redacted] are helping there. He advised that [redacted] starts on Thursday night [redacted] are no more [redacted] which usually occurs on Monday mornings.

He stated that the [redacted] for FRANK BALISTRIERI. He said that BALISTRIERI recently made the remark that after the first of the year the town was completely his. He said that he had learned that FRANK

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	AR

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BALISTRIERI now wants [redacted] in connection with the [redacted] and has told [redacted] that he, BALISTRIERI, will [redacted].

Informant said that he has seen [redacted] a local Negro, in the [redacted] on two different occasions in the past week talking to FRANK BALISTRIERI and they seemed to be very friendly. He said that [redacted] had another colored man with him whom he described as very dark, heavy build, nice features. He stated that JOE EMRA and [redacted] at the [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant advised that on Sunday night, [redacted] STEVE DE SALVO was [redacted] and had been drinking rather heavily. He used obscene language in [redacted] and FRANK BALISTRIERI and his brother PETER became enraged at this and ordered him to go home. Finally [redacted] put him in [redacted]

Informant stated that the Milwaukee Outfit is [redacted] right now from Milwaukee gamblers and night club operators with the exception of TONY PETROLLE, as most of these individuals [redacted] at the present time.

Informant stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE's [redacted] has written to friends in Milwaukee and Kansas City and mentioned that they [redacted] but did not say when.

Informant stated that [redacted] Joe's Spaghetti House from BLACKIE BROCCA. He pointed out that [redacted] in the past, that BLACKIE BROCCA was very unsuccessful in his venture, and [redacted] He advised that BROCCA is in the construction business and has a few construction deals going for him at the present time. He said that BROCCA is in close touch with [redacted] and that they give him construction job prospects and he contacts them and supervises the work.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 12/16/64

FROM : SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON

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☒ CI ☐ SI
☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

12/10/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

SAM FERRARA; AR	92-361
BUSTER BALISTRERI; AR	92-166
VITO BALISTRERI; AR	92-439
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI; AR	94-316
CRIME CONDITIONS IN WIS.; AR	92-255

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

92-361

Informant stated that SAM FERRARA let it be known that he had been [redacted]. Informant said he didn't know what the questions were about, but suspected it might have had to do with [redacted] as he later went to NICK DUCARMO [redacted] about the nature of the questions asked. This information should be used for investigative purposes only and should not be set out in the details of a report as it is not known how many persons know that FERRARA discussed the matter with DUCARMO.

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Informant said that BUSTER BALISTRERI was in Milwaukee for a visit. Informant stated that BUSTER came to see his brother, VITO, who is sick and in Muirdale Sanitarium. Informant knew

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	Excellent	AR

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of no other significance to the trip. This information may be reported if desired.

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Informant said that FRANK BALISTRIERI attended [redacted] which was a big affair. Informant said that BALISTRIERI goes to [redacted] almost daily and sometimes also goes to [redacted]. b6

Informant said he heard that Detective [redacted] of the Milwaukee Police Department, was on BALISTRIERI's [redacted] b7C b7D
He said he had no information to prove this, but he cautioned that [redacted] BALISTRIERI to get information from [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 12/16/64

FROM : SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON

☒ CI ☐ SI
☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact

11/10/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA; AR	92-262
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI; AR	94-316
FRANK STELLOH; AR	92-315
BUSTER BALISTRERE; AR	92-166
STEVE DE SALVO; AR	92-165
FELIX ALDERISIO; AR	94-314

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

The following information should not be used in the details of a report, but may be set out in administrative pages:

Informant said that he knew that JOSEPH BONANNO had an interest in the Grande Cheese Company, operated by JOHN DI BELLA (deceased). Informant said he was inclined to believe that BALISTRIERI was angling for a piece of the Grande Cheese Company. However, he has no substantial information in this regard, but will be alert for any developments.

Informant said he did not know of a certainty who killed ISADORE POGROB in January, 1960, but [redacted] STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALISTRERE and FRANK STELLOH. He said he had [redacted] He said that the motive or motives for killing POGROB were of the flimsiest nature. Informant said it boiled down to this: POGROB was [redacted] BALISTRIERI learned;

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	AR

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94-314

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BALISTRIERI felt that it would be good [redacted] and in addition he wanted a [redacted] and POGROD was [redacted] Informant said that the rumors which floated around that POGROB had informed the [redacted] around that caused the killing were all false. Informant said that BALISTRIERI [redacted] and thought thereby he would [redacted] ...meaning those engaged [redacted] and other matters in which they would be [redacted] BALISTRIERI. Informant said that the murder did [redacted] Informant said that BALISTRIERI [redacted] JOHN ALIOTO as the latter was still [redacted] however, ALIOTO was on [redacted] and BALISTRIERI was [redacted] Informant said that he is convinced STELLCH [redacted] POGROB's [redacted] ..a thing which is normally never done in an [redacted]

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Informant said that he had no positive knowledge of the murder of JOHN DI TRAPANI in 1954, but he [redacted] FELIX ALDERISIO, while [redacted] He said that rumors that one of the [redacted] DI TRAPANI were, in his opinion, [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 12/28/64

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI
☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 12/14/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA, AR - CONSPIRACY	92-262	LE GRAND
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	94-316	LE GRAND
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	92-226	[redacted]
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, aka, AR	92-165	
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka, AR	92-164	FARRINGTON
WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA, aka, AR	92-57	
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR	92-166	

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that there was a meeting held last Wednesday afternoon, [redacted] around 1:30 p.m. [redacted] He advised that JOHN RIZZO, JOE CAMINITI, [redacted], STEVE DE SALVO, FRANK BALISTRIERI, and FRANK SANSONE were all there. He said that he does not know the reason for this meeting but it may have very possibly had something to do with FRANK SANSONE [redacted] and now being back [redacted] still doesn't want [redacted] He said that FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] about this.

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Informant advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI has [redacted] and hangs out with her at [redacted] He said that this girl resembles [redacted] a great deal and is about the same age. He advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI is using the [redacted] as [redacted] most of the time now to talk to different

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage AR

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1 - 92-164
1 - 92-166

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individuals but that if there are several of them together he uses the [redacted]

Informant advised that BLACKIE BROCCA is now [redacted] some place and is out of town. He advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI's [redacted] is still [redacted] has not yet made up his mind as to whether or not he will [redacted] him cause he is afraid that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] and will stay with PETER BALISTRIERI. He further advised that [redacted] PETER BALISTRIERI's [redacted] for possible admission to the [redacted]

He stated that STEVE DE SALVO [redacted] in the [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted] DATE: 1/4/65

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☐ FCI ☐ SI
☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 12/24/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

La Cosa Nostra, AR	92-262 (Le Grand)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka., AR	94-316 (Le Grand)
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	92-286 [redacted]
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka., AR	92-164 (Ferrington)
BUSTIANO VETO BALISTRERE, aka., AR	92-166
JOSEPH BONANNO, aka., AR	92-39

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE

Informant advised that the [redacted] operated for FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] He said that [redacted] over this [redacted] He advised that he has learned that [redacted] and the latter's [redacted] on the MILWAUKEE FD Vice Squad [redacted]

Informant stated that JOHNNY RIZZO on the night of [redacted] came to the [redacted] alone and was in a huddle for quite a while with FRANK BALISTRIERI.

Informant advised that DOMINIC FRIZZI made the remark on the night of [redacted] that he had received a phone call from BILL BONANNO and had talked to both BILL and JOE BONANNO and that they said everything was O.K. with them. FRIZZI did not mention where they had called from.

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage AR

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MI [redacted] b7D

Informant advised that STEVE DE SALVO and FRANK STELLOH had [redacted] to each other or associating together at the present time.

He said that [redacted] a Negro [redacted] goes to the [redacted] nearly every night to see FRANK BALISTRIERI. Although he does not know definitely concerning this, he feels that [redacted] BALISTRIERI for his [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

He stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE and [redacted] and will be staying at PETER BALISTRIERI's home.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 1/15/65

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY b7D

☒ CI ☐ SI
☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
12/30/64 and 1/4/65

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA, AR - CONSPIRACY	92-262	LE GRAND
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	94-316	LE GRAND
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, aka, AR	92-165	
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka, AR	92-164	FARRINGTON
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka, AR	92-166	
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, aka, AR	92-226	[redacted]

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant telephonically advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE and [redacted] are staying at PETER BALISTRIERI's home and that he has observed BUSTER on several occasions riding in a car bearing [redacted] license [redacted]

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On 1/4/65 informant advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE's brother, VITO, died on New Year's Eve and BUSTER and his family left for Kansas City right after VITO's funeral on 1/2/65.

Informant advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI's [redacted] from Friday night through Sunday. He described the place as follows:

He stated that you go between [redacted] back to a [redacted] in the back of [redacted] is [redacted] He advised

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	AR

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MI [redacted]

that [redacted] JOE BALISTRIERI, son of PETER BALISTRIERI, were [redacted] on the night of [redacted] and that [redacted] and TONY MANIACI were both there as well as several other Italian hoodlums.

Informant advised that JOHNNY RIZZO was in Milwaukee on that date, [redacted], and was supposed to meet FRANK BALISTRIERI at 3:30 p.m. at [redacted] He said that this place is [redacted] SALLY PIPIA. Informant advised that RIZZO made the remark that he has [redacted] but no [redacted] He also said that WILLIAM COVELLI was doing all right.

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Upon being shown a photograph of [redacted] informant advised that this was not the Negro whom he had seen with [redacted] talking to FRANK BALISTRIERI. He said that the man with [redacted] was darker and heavier set than [redacted]

Informant advised that STEVE DE SALVO is [redacted] that he has [redacted] and that DE SALVO has been staying away from [redacted] for some reason. He believes it is because DE SALVO thinks that [redacted] is under surveillance.

Informant advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI and the Milwaukee group feel that they have [redacted] and are gradually getting [redacted] He stated thatone Italian gambler approached, at different times, three different members of the Milwaukee PD Vice Squad for permission to [redacted] On each occasion the Vice Squad man approached made the remark, "How do you stand downtown?" which meant how do you stand with FRANK BALISTRIERI. He said that FRANK BALISTRIERI's attitude is very cocky at the present time as is also STEVE DE SALVO's. He said that both of them realize that they made the mistake when JOE GUREFA was around in allowing him to do [redacted] and they have corrected this in the past year.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC [redacted] Date: 1/15/65

FROM: SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON b7D

SUBJECT: [redacted]

The following information should only be set out on administrative pages of a report, not in the details.

On 12/29/64, [redacted] advised SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON and SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND that he had attended the funeral of VITO BALISTRERI that morning and had also been present at the funeral home (Guardalabene & Amato) on the previous evening. Informant said that members of the Milwaukee family of LCN gathered at the funeral home on the night of 12/28/64, and most of them remained there until informant left at about 10:45 PM. b7D

Informant said that FRANK BALISTRIERI sat throughout the evening with JOSEPH CAMINITI and was aloof and cold toward most other members.

The only information of intelligence value which changed hands, to the informant's knowledge, was (1) TONY ALBANO told informant [redacted] that he [redacted] and he wondered how they happened to come to see him--never having been questioned in the previous [redacted] (2) SAM FERRARA told informant that the family needed [redacted] from beginning to end, but it would take a lot [redacted] SAM referred to the present leadership derisively

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as [redacted]

Missing from the gathering were the following (informant did not see them then or at the funeral and he presumed that they were sick):

VITO AIELLO
JOSEPH GUMINA
JOHN PERNICE
JOSEPH RIZZO
ALBERT ALBANA
DOMINIC PRINCIPE

Informant said that the latter two, being from Kenosha, may have visited the funeral home earlier without being seen by the informant.

Present that night at the funeral home were several LCN members from out of town:

JEROME (JIMMY) BALESTRERE)
BUSTER BALESTRERE) Both brothers of the deceased

JOHN MOLLE (Brother-in-law of the deceased)
A man called BLONDA

Informant said that they were all in from Kansas City. He said that BLONDA was introduced as a LCN member.

On 1/5/65, informant said that he recalled that BLONDA had been referred to as BATISTA and informant assumed that his full name might be JOHN BATISTA BLONDA. Kansas City has been advised separately about BLONDA, and it appears from previous reference in our files that he might be identical with JOHN BLANDO.

MI [redacted] b7D

Informant said that JOSEPH GURERA was not present and it was said that he was ill.

Informant also said that FRANK BALISTRIERI stated that no one from other LCN families, except relatives in Kansas City, had been notified of the death because LCN funerals are too closely watched by the police and the FBI.

Informant said that the following Milwaukee LCN members were present, either at the funeral home, the funeral or both:

JOHN AIELLO
MIKE ALBANO
TONY ALBANO
JOHN ALIOTO
FRANK BALISTRIERI
JOSEPH BALISTRIERI
PETER BALISTRIERI
JOSEPH CAMINITI
STEVE DE SALVO
HARRY DE ANGELO
CARLO DI MAGGIO
JEROME DI MAGGIO
SAM FERRARA
NICK FUCARINO
DOMINIC GULLO
AUGGIE MANIACI
MIKE MINEO
SANTO MARINO
SALVATORE SEIDITA
VITO SEIDITA
JOSEPH SPERO
CHARLES ZARCONE

[redacted] b6 b7C

Also present were such non-members as:

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
[redacted]
LOUIS FAZIO
WALTER BROCCA
WILLIAM COVELLI
ANTHONY THOMAS MACHI
[redacted]
JOHN PICCIURRO

MI [redacted] b7D

Extreme care should be taken in interviewing hoodlums to avoid any reference to incidents and conversations in which the informant took part. Care should also be taken never to infer or state in interviews that we know the membership of the LCN family here.

Although nothing above may be set out, except on administrative pages, the following may be used in the details of a report:

"On 12/29/64, MI T-1 [redacted], who was interviewed by SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON and SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND, advised that the funeral of VITO BALISTRERI took place in Milwaukee, 12/29/64, and that the deceased lay in state at the Guardalabene & Amato Funeral Home on the proceding evening. MI T-1 said that _____ was present at the funeral home (or at the funeral or both)."

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MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted] DATE: 4/6/65

FROM : SA JOHN H. GARRAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI b7D
☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 3/30/65

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA	92-262 (LeGrand)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka. AR	94-316 (LeGrand)
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka. AR	92-164 (Farrington)
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165
FRANCIS CONRAD STELLOH, aka. AR	92-315 (Reed)
DOMINIC [redacted] FRIDEI, AR	92-222 (LeGrand)

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

BUSTER BALESTRERI, AR	92-166
JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, aka. AR	92-257 (LeGrand)
WILLIAM C. COVELLI, aka. IGA	162-49 (Higgins)

Informant advised that he [redacted] and that [redacted] investigators for the Attorney General's Office, [redacted]. He said that when he was first [redacted] there was some old man whom he did not know [redacted] and he was paraded before him. This man was silver-haired, not Italian, heavy build, about 5'9" and over 65. After they had paraded informant around for a few minutes [redacted] said that he believed that informant was [redacted] TONY BIRNAT [redacted]. He said that FRANK STELLOH and [redacted] before he [redacted] and that

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage AR; IGA

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1 - [redacted]
1 - 94-316
1 - 92-315
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1 - 66-911-Sub A
1 - 92-164
1 - 92-222
1 - 92-257

1 - 92-262
1 - [illegible]
1 - 92-166
1 - 162-49

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DOMINIC FRINZI represented FRANK STELLOM but [redacted] and [redacted] He stated that after being paraded [redacted] the latter [redacted] and informant was [redacted] then asked him questions as to whether [redacted] JOE GUERRA, FRANK STELLOM and STEVE DE SALVO on [redacted], Wisconsin, [redacted] BIERNAT [redacted] He was also asked if he [redacted] had [redacted] He was also asked if he knew TONY BIERNAT, FRANK BALISTRIERI, FRANK STELLOM, STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE, JOHNNY RIZZO, WILLIAM COVELLI and also whether he had [redacted] or had any knowledge [redacted] by RIZZO and COVELLI. Informant stated that he [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, FRANK STELLOM, STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GUERRA [redacted] BIERNAT. He took [redacted] on any knowledge of JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI and also on his [redacted] or ever having knowledge of COVELLI and RIZZO [redacted]

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He also took [redacted] on questions as to whether he had any knowledge of [redacted] or any knowledge of FRANK BALISTRIERI being [redacted] in this area. He also took [redacted] on whether he had [redacted] TONY BIERNAT. He said on each occasion that he took [redacted] asked him if his doing this meant he would [redacted] by asking the particular question and [redacted] asked if that meant that he [redacted] Informant each time [redacted] that he took [redacted] the particular [redacted] then gave informant a description of his [redacted] then asked informant what he understood [redacted] was composed of and he stated that it was [redacted] as far as he knew. He also took [redacted] on a question as to whether he, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GUERRA [redacted] and also on question of [redacted]

He also took [redacted] on a question as to whether he [redacted] JOHNNY RIZZO's [redacted] and denied a question concerning [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI or [redacted] him. He also denied that FRANK

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BALISTRIERI had ever [redacted]
by informant in the past [redacted]
[redacted]. He also took [redacted] on whether he ever
[redacted] and also whether
he was [redacted] He denied a
direct question as to [redacted] Wisconsin with
BUSTER BALISTRERI, STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GUERRA. [redacted] b6
[redacted] only as pertained b7C
[redacted] area but did not b7D
[redacted] he might give or such
[redacted] in Milwaukee.
He refused [redacted]
[redacted] that he could not do so [redacted] and
after [redacted]

Informant stated that he was [redacted] for further
[redacted] to give his
[redacted] He advised that
he [redacted]
any [redacted] on [redacted]
[redacted] will agree to
include Milwaukee. He will then [redacted]
[redacted]
in Milwaukee as they have [redacted]
[redacted]

Informant advised that he finished [redacted]
around 5:15 p.m. and that at 5:30 p.m. JOHN RIZZO and BILL
COVELLI accompanied by AL ALBANA [redacted]
[redacted]
about what [redacted] and
he told them. He said that he then [redacted] on
that Thursday night and around 8:30 p.m. STEVE DE SALVO called
him on the phone and told him [redacted]
[redacted]. He said that when he ar-
rived there FRANK STELLOW was with DE SALVO and that STEVE had
[redacted] and after that went
in and he [redacted] They then went to a place in the
[redacted] DE SALVO asked in-
formant [redacted] his replies at
[redacted] and he told them [redacted]
above. STEVE DE SALVO then told informant [redacted]
[redacted]

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the remark that [redacted] to most people but was [redacted] STEVE also told him [redacted] and for this reason he has [redacted] and has not talked to FRANK BALISTRIERI at all. He said that DE SALVO when talking to him on that night [redacted] as concerned informant and that this leads him to believe that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant advised that he talked to DE SALVO with STELLOH [redacted] and that they then left, DE SALVO [redacted] the same when they went out.

He advised that on Friday night, [redacted] LOUIE DERANGO came over to his house and said that he had [redacted] STEVE DE SALVO. He said that STEVE had learned that informant when [redacted] and wanted to know [redacted] and [redacted] It appeared to informant that DE SALVO was [redacted] Informant advised that he showed LOUIE [redacted] and explained to him and showed him that the only thing therein [redacted] of the day before. He said that [redacted] after he [redacted] He said that DERANGO told him that STEVE DE SALVO had [redacted] FRANK STELLOH and DOMINIC FRINZI who [redacted] with this. He again pointed out that DOMINIC FRINZI [redacted] FRANK STELLOH and informant but told informant, before he left, [redacted] and [redacted] he said he understood that [redacted] on the juke box business and his relations with FRANK BALISTRIERI and [redacted] He said that [redacted] is very concerned about [redacted]

He also stated that after LOUIE DERANGO left his home on the night of [redacted] HARRY DE ANGELO [redacted] and asked him [redacted] and informant told him that he would rather not discuss it with HARRY and that if he wanted [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI. He said that he

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[redacted] STEVE DE SALVO on the night [redacted] informant. [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and [redacted] Informant said that a little while later after DE ANGELO [redacted] CARLO DI MAGGIO [redacted] JOHN ALIOTO had [redacted] and what [redacted] and informant told DI MAGGIO that FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] that CARLO DI MAGGIO get [redacted] BALISTRIERI or that if JOHN ALIOTO would call informant he [redacted] JOHN and [redacted]

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Informant said that DOMINIC FRINZI [redacted] on Sunday, [redacted] and [redacted]. He [redacted] DOMINIC FRINZI on [redacted] AROUND 5:30 P.M. IN [redacted] DOMINIC told informant that he [redacted] and that anything informant [redacted] Informant said that he immediately felt that DOMINIC [redacted] informant [redacted]. DOMINIC then [redacted] TONY BIRGNAT case and informant [redacted] as to who [redacted] and also [redacted] JOE QUARCHA about it. He said that he definitely [redacted] FRINZI was [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI to [redacted] BIRGNAT killing and [redacted] FRINZI [redacted] whatsoever. FRINZI then advised him [redacted]

This information cannot be disseminated in any way whatsoever as it would definitely compromise informant.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 6/28/65

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FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI
☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
6/14/65

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LA COSA NOSTRA, AR	92-262
FRANK BALISTRIERI	94-316
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO	92-164
STEVE DE SALVO	92-165
BUSTER BALESTRERE	92-166
JOE GURERA	92-257

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE

Informant advised that on the night of [redacted] was [redacted] at [redacted] which [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI. He said that FRANK BALISTRIERI, PETER BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO, LOUIE FAZIO, [redacted], SAM FERRARA and [redacted] were present. He said that FRANK BALISTRIERI gave to each individual there [redacted] on that day at [redacted] He said they were [redacted] and he recalled that in [redacted] He said that BALISTRIERI gave the [redacted] to the individuals [redacted] sometime during the week and they all [redacted] during that week, [redacted], and each individual [redacted] of the [redacted] BALISTRIERI. Informant advised that at [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI said

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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1 - 92-262
1 - 94-316
1 - 92-164
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1 - 92-160
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that the [redacted] and that he [redacted] on it. He also advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI made the remark that JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE were at the [redacted] coming from Kansas City on [redacted] and that they also [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant advised that he believes FRANK BALISTRIERI may very possibly have [redacted] He said BALISTRIERI seems to be very concerned with the [redacted] and [redacted] are all [redacted] BALISTRIERI through the syndicate. In regard to [redacted] informant advised that STEVE DE SALVO is at [redacted] nearly every morning and [redacted] Informant said that STEVE DE SALVO [redacted] from time to time and that [redacted] DE SALVO's [redacted] in the capacity of [redacted] He advised that [redacted] and that he has been [redacted] for the outfit on occasions as they [redacted] and he is very friendly with FRANK BALISTRIERI and the other members. He said that when the hoodlums [redacted] at night they usually talk on the [redacted] They do not [redacted] as far as he knows, [redacted]

Informant advised that the outfit isnow [redacted] from [redacted] and TONY PETROLLE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 7/12/65

FROM : SA CARLYLE N. REED

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

~~6/28/65~~

Titles and File #s on which contacted

~~La Cosa Nostra~~	~~AR-Conspiracy~~	~~92-262 (LE GRAND)~~
~~FRANK BALISTRIERI~~	~~AR~~	~~94-316 (LE GRAND)~~
~~"MILWAUKEE" PHIL ALDERISIO~~	~~AR~~	~~94-314 (THOMPSON)~~
~~WILLIAM "WEASEL" COVELLI~~	~~AR~~	~~162-59~~
~~JOHN RIZZO~~		~~92-164 (FARRINGTON)~~
~~[illegible], ANTHONY BERARAT-VICTIM~~	~~AR~~	~~79-56 (HIGGINS)~~
JOE GUERRERA	AR	92-257 (LE GRAND)
BUSTER BALISTRIERI	AR	92-166
UNKNOWN; [redacted]		91-1949 (REED)

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE

On [redacted], this informant telephonically contacted the Milwaukee Office and requested to see SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND immediately. In the absence of SA LEGRAND, SA REED contacted the informant at [redacted] where he was being [redacted]. Informant said he had [redacted] because he had received word that morning that [redacted] and [redacted] the informant, [redacted]. Informant was assured that any [redacted] to him which could [redacted] was being given immediate and priority attention. Informant did state that on the [redacted]

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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which he is located, he had requested to see [redacted] did come to [redacted] on [redacted] talked to informant and [redacted] indicated he would try to [redacted] (ph), a [redacted] to go the informant's [redacted]

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The informant then furnished the following information:

MURDER OF ANTHONY BIERNAT & RELATED INFORMATION:

[redacted] ANTHONY BIERNAT, FRANK BALISTRIERI and Milwaukee "PHIL" ALDERISIO sent WEASER COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO [redacted] BIERNAT [redacted] his juke box business or [redacted] the TRIXIE outfit. BIERNAT was [redacted]

At about this time JOE GUERRERA decided [redacted] GUERRERA and BUSTER BALISTRIERI then [redacted] BIERNAT to make a [redacted] BIERNAT's business as previously [redacted] COVELLI and RIZZO. Again BIERNAT was [redacted]

Within a matter of [redacted] BIERNAT [redacted] JOE GUERRERA and FRANK BALISTRIERI were together at [redacted] in Milwaukee, at which time the informant [redacted] JOE GUERRERA tell FRANK BALISTRIERI that BIERNAT [redacted] so GUERRERA said he would [redacted] BIERNAT. In reply, FRANK BALISTRIERI told JOE GUERRERA to [redacted] Several days later, BIERNAT [redacted]

Later when JOE GUERRERA was being investigated regarding the BIERNAT murder, Milwaukee "Phil" ALDERISIO ordered GUERRERA to [redacted] Milwaukee and Kenosha. BUSTER BALISTRIERI followed GUERRERA to Kansas City, BUSTER figuring he could do better there than in Milwaukee.

The informant said in his opinion, BIERNAT [redacted] the Chicago, Illinois area; however, this was [redacted] informant and he claimed he had no knowledge as to actually who murdered BIERNAT.

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Informant was questioned concerning any possible suspects in the Milwaukee area who might be called upon to [redacted] particularly [redacted] considerable skill. Informant could furnish no specific information as to [redacted] however, he did point out that there are several men from the [redacted], Wis. area who [redacted] Milwaukee and do come to Milwaukee fairly regularly who might be suspect. He said they are [redacted] (ph), [redacted] (actually [redacted] aka [redacted] who, to the best of informant's recollection, was [redacted] and was [redacted] Informant did not know if [redacted] however, there was no question in his mind that [redacted] was these other men from the [redacted] He pointed out that [redacted] has been seen in the recent past driving [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-166) DATE: 10/19/65

FROM : William J. Higgins, Jr.

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Re MI let to Kansas City, 19/15/65.

The following investigation at Kenosha, Wis., was conducted by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On 10/19/65, Chief Investigator [redacted] SO, Kenosha County, Kenosha, Wisconsin, advised that in regards to Subject the only information he has recently received was in the past two days through contact of [redacted], Wisconsin State's Attorney Generals Office, to the effect that the original criminal warrant issued 8/5/65 by Judge HARRY V. CARLSON, Temporary Kenosha County Court Judge, Acting Under the Provisions of Wisconsin Statute, Section 253.195, charging that BUSTIANO VITO BALISTRERI, also known as, Bustiano Balistreri, Buster Vito Balistrere, Buster XXXXX VITO Balistreri, 9211 Blue Ridge Extension, Kansas City, Missouri, during period 1/1/60 through 1/28/63 at City of Kenosha, County of Kenosha, Wisconsin, did feloniously intentionally operate a gambling place at 2207 56th Street, contrary to Wisconsin Statutes Section 945.03 (1), based on complaint under oath of [redacted] was declared defective in connection with extradition hearings had at the State Capitol, Missouri, before the Governor of that State. The warrant being held defective negated the extradition proceedings as to the Subject from Missiouri to Wisconsin and it is now necessary that the Wisconsin States Attorney General's Office seek a new warrant at Kenosha, Wisconsin, against BALISTRERE for transmissal to Missouri in event further prosecution of him is desired in Wisconsin.

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Chief Investigator [redacted] advised that he does not know whether such a new complaint will be filed and warrant issued at Kenosha but as of this date no such action has taken place. [redacted] also said that he does not know the legal basis for the finding of the original warrant defective in Missouri, but such information would be available at both the Governor's Office and the Attorney General's Office for the State of Missouri, as transcripts of the action would have been taken.

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BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka (92-696)
Buster Balestrere;
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OO: KC (92-696)

JOHN B. MOLLE, aka (92-782)
AR

OO: KC

For the information of Kansas City, JOHN PICCIURO, aka JOHN PITCH, Milwaukee Tavern Operator, died of natural causes on 2/14/66 and was buried at Milwaukee on 2/17/66. There was a wake for PICCIURO at the Guarlabene & Amato Funeral home, North Holton Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on 2/15-16/66. As the Kansas City files will reflect Mrs. JOHN PICCIURO is a sister of JAMES BUSTER and VITO BALESTRERE and Mrs. JOHN (Ann) MOLLE, all of Kansas City, Mo.

On 2/18/66 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and is [redacted] and acquaintance of Italian Hoodlums in Milwaukee, furnished the following information to SA CARLYLE N. REED: b7D

Informant attended PICCIURO's wake on the night of 2/16/66 and noted that JOHN MOLLE and one of the BALESTRERE, believed to be JIM BALESTRERE were in attendance at the wake. This informant did not observe BUSTER BALESTRERE as being in attendance at the wake and did not know if BUSTER had come to Milwaukee on this occasion. It was informant's understanding that BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] at

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2 cc 92-782
3 - Milwaukee
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1 cc 92-451
1 cc [redacted]
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this time because [redacted] on him by the State of Wisconsin. FRANK and PETER BALISTRIERI were present at the wake on the night of February 16, 1966, they being brothers and nephews of PICCIURO. [redacted] has identified FRANK BALISTRIERI as head of the LCN in Milwaukee and his brother PETE as an LCN member.

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On 2/24/66 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is a Milwaukee hoodlum, advised SA CARLYLE N. REED that he was out of the city of Milwaukee at the time of JOHN PITCH's death. This informant said that he had heard "rumbles" that BUSTER BALESTRERE of Kansas City had come to Milwaukee for JOHN PITCH's funeral.

Other inquiries regarding out of towners,who may have been at the wake and funeral for JOHN PITCH , have not substantiated the presence of BUSTER BALESTRERE in Milwaukee for this funeral.

The foregoing is submitted for the information of Kansas City and in the event the whereabouts of BUSTER, JAMES and VETO BALESTRERE was unknown by Kansas City during the week of 2/14-17/66 it is probable that they were in Milwaukee for PITCH's funeral.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE [redacted] DATE: 6/17/66

FROM : SA CARLYLE N. REED

SUBJECT : [redacted]

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Dates of Contact: 6/1/66

Titles & File #s on which contacted:

LCN, AR - CONSPIRACY	92-262 (c/a REED)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316 (c/a REED)
SAM FERRARA, AR	92-361 (c/a REED)
SANTO MARINO, AR	92-429
VITO AIELLO, AR	92-364
JOHN AIELLO, AR	92-227
NICK FUCARINO, AR	92-460
JOSEPH GUMINA, AR	92-430
ANDREW LOCOCO, AR	92-158 (RUC)
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	92-226
LOUIS FAZIO, AR	92-303
[redacted] AR	92-549 (C)
"THE OFFICE"; SAM CEFALU; ET AL, ITWI	165-107
THOMAS MACHI; TONY PETROLLE, ITWI	164-45 (C)
BUSTER BALISTRERE, AR	92-166 (RUC)
MIKE ALBANO, AR	92-428

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Purpose and results of contact:

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Informant furnished all info Rating Excellent Coverage AR

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1-94-316 (file)
1-92-361 (file)
1-92-429 (W. Dunn)
1-92-364 (W. Dunn)
1-92-227 (Curran)
1-92-460 (W. Dunn)
1-92-430 [redacted]

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1-92-158 (file)
1-92-226 (Brewster)
1-92-303 (Brewster)
1-92-549 (file)
1-165-107 [redacted]
1-165-45 (file)
1-92-166 (file)
1-92-428 (W. Dunn)
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Regarding the Milwaukee LCN family, informant made reference to the old-timers, including SAM FERRARA, SANTO MARINO, VITO AIELLO, NICK FUCARINO and JOE GUMINA. Informant stated that all of these old-timers [redacted] the family leadership of FRANK BALISTRIERI, boss of the Milwaukee family, and have [redacted] him for quite some time because of [redacted] to have everything in [redacted] and any [redacted] that he might be able to receive [redacted] with the other members and the fact that he does [redacted] in the other members, especially the old-timers. The old-timers would like to have the informant and JOHN AIELLO [redacted] FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI and his brother, PETER BALISTRIERI [redacted] Informant stated that he would [redacted] and JOHN AIELLO is [redacted] FRANK and PETER, therefore, apparently things [redacted] with the Milwaukee family, which is very quiet at the present time. b7D

On or about [redacted] in the evening, informant advised that there was a [redacted] in Milwaukee for ANDREW LOCOCO, a successful motel, restaurant and bar operator from Englewood, California, who is originally from Milwaukee and paid a short social visit to old friends here. He is not known to be a member of LCN. Informant received his information regarding [redacted] from JERRY DI MAGGIO. There were approximately [redacted] in attendance at [redacted], including FRANK BALISTRIERI, PETER BALISTRIERI, JIMMY FAZIO of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, LOUIS FAZIO, [redacted], SAM CEFALU, THOMAS MACHI and TONY PETROLLE. It was the informant's understanding that FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] and informant thought that FRANK BALISTRIERI might [redacted] ANDREW LOCOCO and might be [redacted] LOCOCO, who is supposedly [redacted] (The above information regarding ANDREW LOCOCO has been furnished to the Los Angeles Division.) b6 b7C b7D

Informant stated that BUSTER BALISTRERE, formerly of Milwaukee and now of Kansas City, Missouri, was supposedly still in [redacted] as of about [redacted] and reportedly has been in [redacted] apparently because of [redacted], Wisconsin. The informant did not know where BUSTER BALISTRERE has been staying in [redacted] or whether he has an automobile with him [redacted] Informant speculated that BUSTER might be staying with his brother-in-law, PETER BALISTRIERI on North Jackson Street in Milwaukee. (The above has been furnished to the Kansas City Division for their information.)

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The following information concerning MIKE ALBANO must be treated in a very highly confidential manner to avoid compromising the informant:

Informant has been in contact with MIKE ALBANO, who said that he is [redacted] on a [redacted]. They are [redacted] where they will [redacted] ALBANO's wife, and will also [redacted] where they will be [redacted] name unknown to informant. This particular [redacted] is a tough group and the [redacted] will accompany the ALBANOs [redacted] as a friendly gesture to show them around.

MIKE ALBANO is very cool toward FRANK BALISTRIERI. He will advise BALISTRIERI or PETER BALISTRIERI, in FRANK's absence, that he, ALBANO, [redacted] and other points [redacted]

Any reporting or inquiries made based upon the above information from this informant should be handled as circumspect and paraphrasing should be used where logical to avoid compromise and the personal safety of this informant.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: June 29, 1966

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

On 6-28-66, [redacted] Milwaukee, Wis., voluntarily appeared at the Milwaukee Office, requesting to speak with a Special Agent. [redacted] was interviewed by SAs CARLYLE N. REED and [redacted] and furnished a substantial amount of information concerning probable or possible LCN members in Milwaukee, and the names or partial names of four individuals in Chicago, Ill., whom he believes may be members of the Chicago LCN family.

[redacted] advised he was [redacted], Milwaukee, and was also [redacted] Milwaukee, which was [redacted] STEVE JOHN DE SALVO and JOSEPH FRANK GURERA. Both DE SALVO and GURERA have been identified as LCN members by [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he had been contacted by the FBI in the past when he was [redacted] DE SALVO and GURERA, and told the FBI at that time he knew nothing about "the outfit." He further stated that about [redacted] known to him as [redacted] and NICK COLLURA, whom he believes to be members of the Milwaukee outfit, might be entertaining thoughts of [redacted] Further, he stated that [redacted] in Milwaukee, where [redacted] that they visited for a time at the [redacted] and then also visited at the [redacted] At this time [redacted] told [redacted] that he didn't believe [redacted]

[redacted] said for some reason, some members of the Milwaukee outfit -- especially STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA, who is now in Kansas City -- [redacted] from Chicago

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[redacted] that is going on in Milwaukee, and that the local Milwaukee members think [redacted] He said he is [redacted] and has suddenly [redacted] He said he would like to tell the FBI what he knows before it [redacted] and furnished the following information:

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FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI runs the Milwaukee family of the LCN, and STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, also an LCN member, is the enforcer or "muscle man" for BALISTRIERI. He said that DE SALVO moved into that position subsequent [redacted] Milwaukee and Kenosha, Wis. The enforcer prior to that time was JOSEPH FRANK FURERA, who held the position until "the heat" was put on in Milwaukee and Kenosha, at which time BALISTRIERI had GURERA return to Kansas City, where this source believes he presently resides. He said that [redacted] DE SALVO and GURERA, he heard a lot of things, and further heard DE SALVO and GURERA remark to one another about individuals that [redacted] He said among those individuals he believes the following are members of the Milwaukee LCN family:

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
MICHIELE ALBANO (who runs a pizza joint in Milwaukee)
FRANK LA GALBO (who operates "Chico's Restaurant)
VITO AIELLO (who runs "The Brass Rail")
WALTER "BLACKIE" BROCCA (who formerly ran a restaurant in Milwaukee and who recently returned from California)
HARRY DE ANGELO (from Sussex, Wis.)
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI (brother of FRANK)
BUSTER BALESTRERE
NICK COLLURA (who works in a local machine shop)
[redacted] (who lives in the area of [redacted]
SAMUEL DI MAGGIO (presently confined Sandstone Federal Prison, Minn.)
CARLO DI MAGGIO (who operates a local meat market)
GUISEPPE SPERO (who works for the City of Milwaukee)
SAMUEL FERRARA (who operates "The Peacock Bar and Liquor Store"
"PAPPA" JOHN ALIOTO (retired head of the "outfit" who operates a restaurant
[redacted] who [redacted]
AUGUST JOSEPH MANIACI
JOHN JOSEPH AIELLO
(FNU) SEIDITA (who works for the City of Milwaukee
ANTHONY GUARDALABENE (who works for a brewery)

This source further stated there is supposed to be a [redacted] Wis., but he does not know the names of these individuals.

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Source further stated he has [redacted] etc., and as such knows an individual in Chicago, Ill. by the name of [redacted] (ph), whom he believes to be a member of the Chicago LCN family. He described this individual as one who [redacted] Ill. and [redacted] for the [redacted] He stated the [redacted] some time ago, but [redacted] continues to [redacted] in one of the Chicago suburbs. (This name may be [redacted]

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Source further stated there is an individual in Chicago by the name of [redacted] (ph), who [redacted] on [redacted], who is also a member of the LCN family in that city.

Source further stated that TONY ACCARDO of Chicago has a [redacted] (ph), a member of the Chicago family, who [redacted] in Chicago. He further stated he knows of one other member in the Chicago family by the name of [redacted] (ph) who is an [redacted]

With regard to the Milwaukee family, source stated STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, the enforcer for FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, is [redacted] number of known gamblers in the greater Milwaukee area, and that BALISTRIERI [redacted]

It is noted that most of the individuals whom this source suspects of being members of the LCN family in Milwaukee have previously been identified as such by [redacted] Source further stated he is not a member of the LCN, but knows it is called various names, including "The Outfit," "Mafia," "LCN" and that there are "family units."

The following physical description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Born:	[redacted], Milwaukee, Wis.
Height:	5 Ft. 7 In.
Weight:	200 lbs.
Complexion:	Medium dark
Hair:	Black, greying, combed straight back
Eyes:	Brown
Residence:	[redacted]
Occupation:	

In view of information furnished by this individual, the Milwaukee Office is designating [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC [redacted] Date: 6/27/66

FROM : SA CHARLES F. AHERN

SUBJECT : [redacted] b7D
CI

Contacted: 6/7/66 (after return from vacation)

Title & Files on which Contacted:

WILLIAM COVELLI, AR	92-506 (C/A SHUMWAY)
JOHN RIZZO, AR	92-164 (C/A AHERN)
AL ALBANA, AR	92-316 (C/A SHUMWAY)
BUSTER BALISTRERE, AR	92-166 (C/A AHERN)
[redacted] AR	92-624 (C/A AHERN)
[redacted] IGA	162-139 (C/A AHERN)
[redacted] IGA	162-140 (C/A AHERN)
[redacted] IGA	162-142 (C/A AHERN)
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Positive Information

Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating: Very Good Coverage: CIP

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Informant advised that WEISER COVELLI is [redacted] about [redacted] in the [redacted] COVELLI was referring to the [redacted] in which [redacted] were [redacted] According to the informant, COVELLI thinks he is [redacted] COVELLI [redacted] and is obviously [redacted] at the recent [redacted] Informant stated that COVELLI is still running the La Strada Club, but also frequently visits Greco's Restaurant, 56th Street and 22nd Avenue, Kenosha.

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Informant advised that in a recent discussion with [redacted] COVELLI referred to a meeting he attended held on [redacted] Milwaukee, on Wednesday, [redacted] attended by "people from all over".

(AGENT'S NOTE: Above apparently refers to a social gathering held at [redacted] at which FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] according to information received from another CI.)

Informant advised that COVELLI maintains close watch on [redacted] and is always well informed on the [redacted] Informant had no knowledge that COVELLI is [redacted] but he obviously keeps well informed on factors relating to [redacted]

MI 162-142

Informant has had no recent word about [redacted] However, [redacted] is understood to be a hangout for some of the gang who have been patrons of [redacted]

MI 166-86

Informant advised that [redacted] ANTHONY BIERNAT) [redacted] Illinois, because he felt the "Chicago Outfit" was taking the place over and he was afraid he would [redacted] allegedly a [redacted] Illinois, is now said to be [redacted] Illinois. Informant had no knowledge of any gambling or other illegal activity being carried on at

MI [redacted] b7D

The [redacted] ago, but saw no familiar faces and noted no irregular activity.

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Informant advised that the [redacted] at the [redacted], JOHN RIZZO and AL ALBANA is reported to be quite a success. Allegedly, [redacted] is held at staggered hours and this practice stimulates the sale of liquor in between [redacted] participation in which is free.

Informant advised that RIZZO and ALBANA continue to be frequent patrons of Greco's Restaurant.

MI 92-624

Informant advised that little is seen of [redacted] these days and he no longer patronizes [redacted] as he did in the past. However, he is the topic of conversation and is portrayed as having gone [redacted] and having no time for [redacted] Informant said [redacted] hangouts are believed to be [redacted]

MI 162-140

Informant advised that [redacted] still drops around occasionally with his friend, [redacted] is said to be working, at least [redacted], at [redacted] operated by [redacted] and it is thought that [redacted] may also help out there.

Informant described [redacted] and [redacted] Allegedly he [redacted] at a place on [redacted], Illinois, known as [redacted] which is operated by [redacted]. Informant said that [redacted] are very close friends.

MI 162-139

Informant advised that [redacted] is around the West Side all the time [redacted] and his wife were observed in [redacted], on the evening of [redacted] is not known to be involved in anything illegal at the time.

MI 92-166

Informant is well acquainted with BUSTER BALISTRERE, who, in years past, was always a leading figure in JOHN RIZZO's game at 56th and 22nd Avenue. BUSTER was said to have been present every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings (the days the games were held) and the game did not start until he arrived. However, BUSTER has not been observed of late.

MI 166-145

Informant said no information relative to [redacted] has ever come to his attention.

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MI 92-145 (Miscellaneous Matters)

(It is to be noted that recently SAs SHUMWAY and AHERN observed a [redacted] automobile outside of the [redacted] This car was determined to be registered to [redacted] Kenosha. According to the Kenosha City and Phone Directories, this address is the residence of Kenosha Police Captain [redacted]

Informant advised that [redacted] Captain [redacted] and an extra [redacted] at the [redacted], age about [redacted] is said to have recently [redacted] from the [redacted]

Concerning [redacted], the informant reported that he continues to be a frequent patron [redacted]. It is also understood that Captain [redacted] occasionally patronizes a tavern in downtown Kenosha near the [redacted] operated by [redacted], aka [redacted], who formerly was involved in a gambling operation maintained out of a [redacted], which [redacted] formerly operated. [redacted] was said to be a [redacted] who is currently [redacted] for gambling as the result of the [redacted].

[redacted] was also said to be friendly with the management of [redacted], Illinois, operated by [redacted]. Allegedly, [redacted] obtains free admission passes to the [redacted] and in reciprocity for this courtesy. [redacted] patronizes the place.

The informant emphasized that [redacted] alleged patronage of [redacted] is not a matter of personal knowledge, but such is the statement of [redacted]. Informant commented that [redacted] is not known to be a heavy drinker.

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Doe probe in final phase

Fine Rizzo, Balistrere on gambling charges

Some 53 months after the first step was taken to initiate a John Doe investigation in Kenosha, the final phase of the matter is approaching a conclusion.

Tuesday afternoon two defendants named in warrants as a result of the inquiry entered pleas in County Court.

John C. Rizzo, 55, Racine, pleaded no contest to a commercial gambling charge involving the operation of a gambling house at 2207 56th St. He was found guilty and fined $1,800 and costs by Judge Earl D. Morton.

Bustiano V. (Buster) Balistrere, a resident of Kansas City who formerly lived in Milwaukee, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor gambling count and was fined $500 by Judge Morton. Balistrere entered his plea to a revised charge. Originally he had been named in a warrant charging operation of a gambling place, a felony.

Balistrere was also ordered to pay the state $286.23 for costs for an extradition hearing. He had at first refused to waive extradition from Missouri but ultimately appeared in Kenosha County Court voluntarily.

A commercial gambling count against Raymond J. Matera, 44, 5407 36th Ave., was dismissed Tuesday. Matera had been charged originally with two gambling counts, pleaded guilty to one of them last June and was fined $500 and costs. The second charge was dismissed because it had been considered in the imposition of the sentence last year.

Of the 19 men charged with gambling or perjury counts as a result of the Doe probe, only one man remains to be tried. Harry Siegal, a former Kenoshan now employed by a Las Vegas casino, has been fighting extradition to Wisconsin to face a charge of operating a gambling place.

William R. Covelli, 47, 7827 36th Ave., was found guilty of perjury in Circuit Court last week and awaits sentencing.

Rizzo and Balistrere were named in the first series of warrants stemming from the Doe in August 1965.

Rizzo had appealed unsuccessfully to the Wisconsin and U. S. supreme courts, seeking reversal of a Circuit Court quashing of a writ of prohibition to bar his preliminary hearing. He had claimed he had been granted immunity on subjects directly relating to the charge against him.

Rizzo faced a preliminary hearing, long delayed because of his appeals, when he appeared in court yesterday to plead.

Balistrere, once termed by Milwaukee authorities the "recognized gambling kingpin in Milwaukee, Kenosha and Racine Counties," had fought extradition from Kansas City.

However he voluntarily appeared in court here last April and requested a preliminary hearing on a charge of operating a gambling game at the 56th St. address.

He was freed on $3,000 bond and after several additional delays, was to have come up for preliminary hearing yesterday. He pleaded guilty instead.

Both Rizzo and Balistrere were represented by Milwaukee attorney Dominic Frinzi. Francis Croak, a former Kenoshan now practicing law in Milwaukee, was special prosecutor for the state attorney general's office.

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"Kenosha News"
Kenosha, Wisconsin

Date: 5/24/67
Edition: Daily
Author: News
Editor:
Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka.
Character: AR
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Classification: 92-166-339
Submitting Office:
☐ Being Investigated

No cc to Bureau

DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted] 1/18/68

SAC, KANSAS CITY [redacted] -P-

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OO: Kansas City

Re Milwaukee airtels to the Bureau, 12/5/67 and 12/12/67, and Bureau letter to Kansas City, 12/11/67.

For the information of the Bureau and receiving offices, captioned informant [redacted], Kansas on [redacted]

Prior to the above-described [redacted] this source was contacted on 12/9/67, 12/18/67, and 12/23/67, and furnished the following information to SA ROY L. TUSSEY:

CI said that FRANK BALISTRIERE, who is the La Cosa Nostra boss in Milwaukee, made a request of NICK CIVELLA, the La Cosa Nostra boss in Kansas City, [redacted] BALISTRIERE. CI subsequently learned from NICK CIVELLA that [redacted] that Kansas City [redacted] Milwaukee in [redacted] BALISTRIERE in [redacted]

CI said that NICK CIVELLA [redacted] JOSEPH GURERA along with BUSTER BALESTRERE to go to Milwaukee [redacted] BALISTRIERE. CI explained that NICK CIVELLA and JOE GURERA [redacted], and CIVELLA [redacted] GURERA to Milwaukee [redacted] GURERA's [redacted] and CIVELLA. CIVELLA [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE in order to [redacted] GURERA" and to report anything significant back to NICK CIVELLA.

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CI said that GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE did go to Milwaukee and remained in that area [redacted]. During this period of time both BALESTRERE and GURERA were considered members of the "Milwaukee outfit".

CI said that GURERA [redacted] in [redacted] in the Milwaukee area in order to [redacted] these people. CI explained that GURERA was known by CI to have both [redacted] people in the Milwaukee area in order to [redacted] CI pointed out that it was his understanding that after BALESTRERE and GURERA had been in the Milwaukee area for [redacted] some of the old time members of the "Milwaukee outfit" [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERE about [redacted] GURERA and BALESTRERE. CI said that BALISTRIERE had [redacted] GURERA and BALESTRERE and [redacted] of the other Milwaukee members.

CI said that in [redacted] in Milwaukee who are [redacted] TONY BIERNAT who operated a coin machine business in Kenosha, Wisconsin. CI specifically said that the people [redacted] BIERNAT were:

DOM PRINCIPE	BILL COVELLI
STEVE DE SALVO	JOE GURERA
[redacted]	BUSTER BALESTRERE
JOHN RIZZO	

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The reason behind [redacted] BIERNAT was to [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERE. BIERNAT refused [redacted] BALISTRIERE and began talking to people in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area about the attempts made by the above-described people to [redacted] CI said that BIERNAT reportedly was given [redacted], however, he refused to [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERE.

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CI said that it was his understanding that BIERNAT [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DE SALVO, and [redacted] whom CI [redacted]

CI said that in [redacted] other members of the "Milwaukee family" was great enough to force FRANK BALISTRIERE to request NICK CIVELLA to recall JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] CI explained that JOSEPH GURERA in particular was thoroughly [redacted] by most of the [redacted] in the Milwaukee area because of [redacted] b7D

According to this CI, the [redacted] in Milwaukee receives [redacted] from Chicago through a source unknown to this CI. It was CI's personal opinion that the [redacted] was arranged between FRANK BALISTRIERE and PHIL ALDERISIO. CI pointed out that ALDERISIO and BALISTRIERE were extremely close, and BALISTRIERE on many occasions was known by CI to contact ALDERISIO relative to decisions which had to be made involving La Cosa Nostra activities in the Milwaukee area.

ROSS PRIO and FIFI BUCCIERE, according to this CI, do own substantial [redacted] which is located in Wisconsin. CI pointed out that FRANK BALISTRIERE had personally confided to CI within the past [redacted] that this [redacted] PRIO, and that when it opened for operation sometime during the middle [redacted] it would be a very considerable [redacted] for PRIO.

CI advised that [redacted] a couple of [redacted] while he was in the Milwaukee area during the [redacted] He said that the "Milwaukee family" was [redacted] as the "Kansas City family". He pointed out that [redacted] differed from the Kansas City [redacted] which he has previously described. He said there was [redacted] individuals who are [redacted] in the "Milwaukee family". He said that [redacted] b7D

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[redacted] who is an active member and who [redacted] to the boss of the family in Milwaukee. If [redacted] to the boss that [redacted] is okay, it is not necessary for [redacted] to prove himself by [redacted] CI noted that this was different than the family required in Kansas City.

It was CI's recollection that the couple of [redacted] which he attended in Milwaukee were held in [redacted] BALISTRIERE's [redacted] He said that [redacted] of a new member [redacted] and also the [redacted] of the [redacted] The [redacted] then [redacted] to the [redacted] [redacted] The boss, FRANK BALISTRIERE, then told [redacted] that [redacted] [redacted], and he was [redacted] of the family and could never get out.

For the information of the Bureau and all receiving offices, the additional questions which were sent to Kansas City relative to [redacted] were not answered because of [redacted] informant.

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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC
MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 2/1/68

FROM : SA
DANIEL E. BRANDT

☐ CI ☒ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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SUBJECT:
[redacted]

Dates of Contact
1/29/68 by SA DANIEL E. BRANDT

Titles and File #s on which contacted

PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, AR	92-226 (C/A WOOD)
JAMES JENNARO, AR	92-565 (C)
FRANK LEO SANSONE, ITWI	165-13 (C/A BRANDT)
[redacted] ITWI	162-44 (C/A BRANDT)
LCN, AR - CONSPIRACY	92-262 (C/A REED)
BUSTIANO VITO BALISTRERE, AR	92-166 (C)

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE
☒ STATISTIC

The informant advised FRANK LEO SANSONE, a Milwaukee bookmaker, was at [redacted] on the evening of [redacted] where he had dinner but did not meet with his contact from Chicago. The informant indicated that now that the [redacted] is over, SANSONE would not have any frequent meetings with his Chicago contact as SANSONE is not heavily engaged in [redacted] He believed SANSONE had dinner with [redacted] on [redacted]

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The informant advised PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, brother of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, boss of the Milwaukee LCN family, and JIMMY JENNARO, who manages FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI's "Ad Lib Club", went to Kansas City last week for a couple of days where they

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	Excellent	AR - IGA - ITWI

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were in contact with BUSTER BALESTRERE, JIM BALESTRERE and JOHN MOLLE. The informant did not know the purpose of the visit to Kansas City.

Note: Kansas City is being advised by separate letter of above visit.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU UNLESS IT IS PARAPHRASED IN SUCH A MANNER TO PREVENT A COMPROMISE OF THIS INFORMANT.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE [redacted]

DATE: 6/28/68

FROM : SA DANIEL E. BRANDT

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact: Attempted contacts 6/6, 12, 14/68; 6/24/68 by SA DANIEL E. BRANDT

Titles and File #s on which contacted

LCN	AR-CONSPIRACY	92-262 c/a BRANDT
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI	AR	94-316 c/a BRANDT
PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI	AR	92-226 c/a WOOD
[redacted]	RI	[redacted] c/a JOHNSON
BUSTER BALESTRERE	AR	92-166 closed
WALTER BROCCA	AR	92-57 c/a DORAN
[redacted]	AR	92-501 closed
	AR	92-732 closed
JIMMY JENNARO	AR	92-565 c/a DORAN
[redacted]	AR	92-554 c/a DORAN
STEVE DE SALVO	AR	92-165 c/a DRUMM
[redacted]	ITAR	166-92 closed
	IGA	162-23 c/a BRANDT

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

The informant advised that on [redacted], FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI visited [redacted] in Milwaukee for the first time in over [redacted] He again visited [redacted] and had an argument with JOSEPH BALISTRIERI, the son of PETER FRANK BALISTRIERI, who was [redacted]. FRANK BALISTRIERI blamed JOSEPH BALISTRIERI for [redacted] and the argument got to such a point that FRANK [redacted] JOSEPH BALISTRIERI [redacted].

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FRANK BALISTRIERI appointed [redacted] whose name was known to the informant as [redacted] last name unknown, and who allegedly came from the [redacted]

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating: Very Good	Coverage: AR, ITAR, IGA 92-166-396

During summer informant suggested he be called at 10:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m.

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[redacted], area where he had been [redacted] This individual had [redacted] for a short period of time at [redacted] and his wife is [redacted] a restaurant on [redacted] in Milwaukee. The informant advised this individual is described as a white male, [redacted] 5'8", 180 lbs., dark complexion, possibly of Greek or Italian extraction. The informant noted this individual said he only went to [redacted] [redacted] belonging to [redacted] He has difficulty [redacted] and also has trouble [redacted], This individual told him he had also previously worked in [redacted], Wisconsin, but did not say where.

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The informant advised that it was his opinion the [redacted] was not due to [redacted] by JOE BALISTRIERI, but was due to [redacted] [redacted] and the failure by FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI to make the [redacted]

The informant noted that since [redacted] the [redacted] he has given a complete [redacted] and that [redacted] have been made to [redacted] [redacted]

The informant said that JOE BALISTRIERI, PETER BALISTRIERI's son, left Milwaukee and went to Kansas City where he is possibly visiting BUSTER BALESTRERE and intends to go to [redacted]

The informant advised he recently received a telephone call from [redacted] who was formerly [redacted] [redacted] and at the [redacted] inquired for the whereabouts of FRANK BALISTRIERI and said he was calling from [redacted] The informant asked what he was doing [redacted] told him that BALISTRIERI now has a [redacted] He said that the [redacted], had an [redacted] [redacted], and allegedly [redacted] [redacted] and walked out [redacted]

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The informant advised that WALTER BROCCA is handling [redacted] [redacted] which is being [redacted] and [redacted] FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI. According to the informant, the [redacted]

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[redacted] will be utilized as a [redacted] The informant said that [redacted] BROCCA in [redacted] and that [redacted] and to install [redacted] BALISTRIERI approximately [redacted] BALISTRIERI hoped to [redacted] but it appears that it would not [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

The informant noted that STEVE DE SALVO is at the [redacted], and the informant believed that DE SALVO had some part in [redacted] of the [redacted]. The informant said that FRANK BALISTRIERI also [redacted] on almost a daily basis.

Informant noted that no union laborers are employed in [redacted], and that WALTER BROCCA evidently has some agreement with [redacted] to [redacted]

The informant heard that [redacted] who had the reputation of being [redacted] in Milwaukee, is supposedly taking [redacted], Milwaukee, in [redacted]. He believed this place will be called [redacted]

Regarding the operation of FRANK BALISTRIERI's [redacted], the informant advised that [redacted] as follows:

Ad Lib Club by JIMMY JENNARO
The Downtowner Club [redacted]
The Scene by JOE MANIACI
Gallaghers [redacted] and PETER BALISTRIERI

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<u>CAUTION SHOULD BE UTILIZED IN THE REPORTING OF ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IN AN EFFORT TO CONCEAL THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.</u>

FD-350 (Rev. 7-16-63)

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Key Suspect Dead In Biernat Slaying

By GENE CUNNINGHAM

A key suspect in the 1963 murder of Kenosha jukebox distributor Anthony J. (Tony) Biernat is dead.

Before the suspect died, he reportedly told investigative authorities of his involvement in the Biernat killing and named others involved.

Joseph Gurera

The suspect, Joseph Frank (Joey G.) Gurera, 42, from the Kansas City area, reportedly was an enforcer and trigger man for the mob.

According to Kansas City police, Gurera had a record of 55 arrests and had been picked up on an assortment of crimes and investigations ranging from arson to armed robbery and murder.

From February of 1962 to March of 1963, Gurera lived at 2608 E. Newport av. in Milwaukee.

He reportedly was summoned here to organize gamblers and bookmakers and put the Milwaukee area operation "on a paying basis."

Assisted by Milwaukee hoodlums, Gurera reportedly began contacting Milwaukee gamblers and gambling spots, telling them that Milwaukee was being organized and that they would have to pay one-third of their take to the outfit.

Compliance was required under threat that one of the gamblers would be singled out for punishment or murder as an example to the holdouts.

While Gurera was here, he was seen meeting with a key man in the Chicago syndicate, and with a Kansas City hoodlum.

Two Milwaukee gang leaders were also at the meeting, which was held in a local hotel.

Biernat's murder is suspected to have been the result of his resistance to efforts of the Milwaukee outfit to cut in on a share of his profitable jukebox business.

It was Gurera who reportedly approached Biernat on behalf of the outfit with the demand that it be allowed to buy into Biernat's Lakeside Music Co.

Gurera, questioned by authorities in connection with Biernat's murder, denied any knowledge of it. Authorities, however, continued to consider him the prime suspect.

Police in Overland Park, Kan., said Gurera died of a heart attack Dec. 30.

He had had several heart attacks in the last few years and had a fatal attack at his home, police said. They said he was dead on arrival at a Kansas City hospital.

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MILWAUKEE SENTINEL
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Date: 7/23/68
Edition: FINAL
Author:
Editor: HARRY SONNEBORN
Title: LA COSA NOSTRA

Character:
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Submitting Office: MILWAUKEE

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92-166-347

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2 Kansas City (92-326) [redacted]
6 Milwaukee (92-262) (92-257)
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(79-56) (92-166)

FD-350 (Rev. 7-16-63)

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Suspect in Biernat murder case dead

Over five years have passed since the body of Kenosha jukebox dealer, Anthony J. Biernat was found buried in the cellar of an abandoned Bong base farmhouse. While officers have never been able to turn up enough evidence to charge Biernat's killers, authorities feel they know the identities of several persons linked to the gangland-style slaying.

Though human justice has been unable to touch those responsible for the murder, perhaps Fate has stepped in. Two key suspects in the Biernat case have met death prematurely.

Only recently, word was received from the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park, Kans., that reputed crime syndicate "enforcer," Joseph Frank (Joey G. Gurera, is dead at the age of 42. Guerera died of a heart attack last Dec. 30, but the information was received here belatedly.

It wasn't learned until January 1967, that a second suspect in the Kenosha murder, an unidentified man, died in a highway crash between Milwaukee and Green Bay in August 1964. Informants apparently linked the traffic victim with the Biernat case but not until long after his death.

Gurera lived in Milwaukee from February 1962 until March 1963, two months after Biernat was slain. Reportedly, he was "imported" from Kansas City by crime syndicate figures to put mob operations in Milwaukee "on a paying basis."

Gurera and two other persons supposedly met with Biernat in November 1962, Gurera was questioned by local and FBI officers. He also was questioned by John Doe investigators later. Though he denied any knowledge of the slaying, authorities considered him a prime suspect.

Before he died, it is reported, Gurera told investigative authorities of his involvement in the Biernat killing and named other persons involved.

Gurera had had several heart attacks in the last several years and had the fatal attack at his home. He had been picked up for questioning within the last three years in connection with the murder of a labor leader in Kansas City.

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KENOSHA NEWS
KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

Date: 7/23/68
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Editor: LEE HANCOCK
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Date 2/12/70

[redacted] New Jersey, provided the following information:

He is currently employed as [redacted] at [redacted] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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In [redacted] he was residing at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, in [redacted] During the summer, believed to be [redacted] he took a vacation, and when he returned, he discovered that his [redacted]

He stated that this incident was [redacted] because at the time he was on a [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, and he did not want to create any problems [redacted] advised that he never had a [redacted] but that he purchased it from a friend of his who [redacted] at the time.

He stated that he had never heard of FRIK LIO SAMSONE and he could furnish no other information regarding this incident.

On 2/2/70 at [redacted] N. J. File # Newark 165-1041 92-166-349

SA [redacted] pEE

by Date dictated 2/6/70

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FBI

Date: 2/12/70

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (165-15)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (165-1041) (RUC)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEO SANSONE, aka
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(OO: MILWAUKEE)

Re Newark airtel to Milwaukee dated 2/6/70.

Enclosed for Milwaukee are eight copies of an FD-302 reflecting interview with [redacted] N.J.

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Inasmuch as no further investigation is being contemplated in the Newark Division, this case is considered RUC.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 4/16/71

FROM : SA DENNIS CONDON

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
☒ PC

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
3/22/71 and 4/1/71

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles when File #s not available or CI positive info.)

92-717	(Dead File) JOSEPH BALISTRIERI
94-316	FRANK BALISTRIERI
92-166	(C) BUSTIANO VITO BALESTRERE
182-0	Illegal Gambling Business
92-809	[redacted]
165-13	FRANK SANSONE
165-264	WILLIAM COLE

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

92-717

Informant advised that there has been quite a bit of talk among some of his Italian friends and associates that the recent appointment of JOE BALISTRIERI by Judge HUGH O'CONNELL seems a bit strange. Informant stated that the possibility of a money exchange of some type is believed by many individuals.

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1 - 92-166
1 - 182-0
1 - 92-809
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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Informant advised that FRANK LEO SANSONE is currently [redacted]. He advised that SANSONE, or HOGAN as he is known, [redacted] he receives to make his [redacted] Informant advised further that [redacted] is [redacted] as a result of [redacted]

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Informant advised that he recalls the organization in Milwaukee tried [redacted] back in the [redacted] through [redacted]. He said JOE GUERRA and BUSTIANO VITO BALESTERE came from Kansas City to Milwaukee to try and [redacted]. He said they made a mistake in that they tried to [redacted] with BOBBY PICK and WILLIAM COLE. He said they did not succeed because these gamblers [redacted]. Informant advised later PICK and COLE advised that [redacted] probably would have succeeded if they would have [redacted]

92-809

Informant advised that [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted]. He said she took the attitude that she was [redacted] because she was so close to BALISTRIERI and as a result many people [redacted] He said she was often in conflict with the [redacted] and also because of her attitude.

182-0

Informant advised that there was not any [redacted] operations presently in operation in Milwaukee. He advised

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there were only some [redacted] now in operation. He advised that if he wanted to [redacted] on a [redacted] he would not be able to [redacted] in because none of these [redacted] would [redacted] b7D

94-316

Informant advised that the Kings IV Restaurant is closed and he does not know if it will open.

Informant related that about 1½ years ago SALLY PAPIA and [redacted] one evening. Informant advised that SALLY PAPIA became very loud and obnoxious that evening, insulting customers and as she was leaving the restaurant she pulled advertisements off the wall. Informant stated that FRANK FAZIO told SALLY that she shouldn't have conducted herself in that way and then SALLY [redacted] left. b6 b7C b7D

The informant advised that the next day [redacted] FRANK FAZIO with a cup of coffee for approximately one hour. He said FRANK FAZIO and [redacted] talked and then [redacted] asked him if he would step outside a minute, he wanted to talk to him. FRANK FAZIO agreed and they went outside. Shortly before reaching the sidewalk, [redacted] FAZIO and [redacted] Informant advised it was a real [redacted] Informant related that FAZIO came back in the establishment and there were individuals in there who wanted [redacted]. The informant advised that FRANK FAZIO's brother, LOUIE, then decided that he was going [redacted] to his brother. Informant related that FRANK BALISTRIERI then interceded and quieted down the situation. He said that shortly thereafter SALLY PAPIA turned up saying that someone [redacted] while driving and there was [redacted] He said it was a common belief that she had [redacted] herself.

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Informant recalled that one one occasion he had been out dining and drinking with FRANK BALISTRIERI and FRANK BALISTRIERI was telling him that when [redacted] at the [redacted] he does not hold that [redacted] He said that they are free [redacted] and can make more money if they can. Informant said that he asked BALISTRIERI would he [redacted] on him. He said BALISTRIERI laughed and said if there was [redacted] you I would have issued it myself since they [redacted]

Information concerning Ad Lib

The informant advised that although the Ad Lib has ceased [redacted] they will soon return to this. He said the [redacted] etc., is [redacted]

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GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 5/2/72

FROM : SA DANIEL E. BRANDT

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☒ TE ☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ E
☐ PC ☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ E (Prob)
☐ ☐ E (Ghetto)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
4/10/72 and 4/17/72

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

92-262 (C/A BRANDT)	LCN	AR-Conspiracy
94-316 (C/A BRANDT)	FRANK BALISTRIERI	AR
92-717 (Dead)	JOSEPH P. BALISTRIERI	AR
165-45 (C/A DORAN)	THOMAS J. MACHI	ITWI
165-13 (C/A DORAN)	FRANK LEO SANSONE	ITWI
92-873 (C/A CONDON)	FRANK BUCCIERI	AR

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

92-404 (CLOSED)	SAM DE STEFANO	AR
92-166 (CLOSED)	BUSTER BALESTRERE	AR
166-474 (C/A ARTIN)	[redacted]	ITAR
92-565 (C/A CONDON)	JIM JENNARO	AR
92-549 (C/A BRANDT)	[redacted]	

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Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? NONE

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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The informant said FRANK BALISTRIERI, boss of the Milwaukee LCN family, was released on parole from Federal Prison on 4/7/72. Early in the morning on [redacted] BALISTRIERI called an [redacted], [redacted] Information received by the informant stated BALISTRIERI [redacted] Efforts are being made by the BALISTRIERI family to [redacted] The reason for [redacted] was not known by the informant, however, he noted BALISTRIERI's [redacted] BALISTRIERI while he was in prison. (This information regarding BALISTRIERI's [redacted] was disseminated to the Milwaukee Police Department Special Assignment Squad and it was later confirmed BALISTRIERI's [redacted] during the period of [redacted]

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Informant heard BALISTRIERI is attempting to [redacted] located on the [redacted] now [redacted] BALISTRIERI's son, JOSEPH BALISTRIERI, does not want his father to [redacted]

Informant heard subjects involved in the THOMAS JAMES MACHI gambling case who are presently under Federal indictment, [redacted] on the [redacted] was not actually [redacted]

Informant said [redacted] FRANK LEO SANSONE and [redacted], are basing their [redacted] that it was impossible for Bureau agents to [redacted] which took place in [redacted] They are considering the actual [redacted] in which they expect to illustrate the point that [redacted] could not [redacted]

Milwaukee restaurant owner SALLY PAPIA and FRANK BUCCIERI, Chicago LCN figure, are said to be [redacted]

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possibly in [redacted] Illinois area, which will [redacted] Informant said [redacted] They are now in the [redacted] and it is expected SALLY PAPIA will [redacted] in Milwaukee, if business there should start to drop off. b6 b7C b7D

Informant said Chicago LCN figure, FRANK DE STEFANO, was in Milwaukee recently and is in very poor health. DE STEFANO [redacted] and indicated he is now [redacted]

Informant said "BUSTER" BALESTRERE and JIMMY BALESTRERE from Kansas City were in Milwaukee to visit FRANK BALISTRIERI when he got out of prison on 4/7/72.

Informant noted [redacted] to the [redacted] which actually is [redacted] It is believed a [redacted] will be set up to [redacted] and the Negro [redacted] presently at the [redacted] will be as the [redacted]

JIMMY JENNARO, who formerly worked as a bartender at FRANK BALISTRIERI's Ad Lib Club, is now selling candy for a company whose home office is located in Minneapolis.

[redacted] who married [redacted] is now remaining pretty close to home as he has [redacted] He has been kept busy with his [redacted] and now does not have the close association with the downtown hoodlum element as he did before.

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MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [redacted] (P) DATE: 12/21/73

FROM : SA EUGENE D. MURPHY b7D

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
12/17/73

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

[redacted]		
92-262	LCN	C/A MURPHY
168-43	[redacted]	C/A MURPHY
[redacted]		
94-318	MANIACI	C/A MURPHY
165-13	SANSONE	C/A GRAHAM

Purpose and results of contact. (CONT'D 1a)

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Source advised that he had recently been in conversation with [redacted] who had told him that he had learned from [redacted] that AUGIE MANIACI [redacted] with the Milwaukee LCN family, exact nature [redacted] unknown, and rumor had it that there [redacted] Milwaukee LCN concerning this problem.

Source advised that HOGAN SANSONE had recently been visiting Milwaukee from [redacted] and source noted that SANSONE had apparently [redacted]

☐ POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN (Ghetto only)

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? No

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

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92-315	STELLOH	C/A HUNT
88-5776	[redacted]	C/A CARR
92-565	JENNARO	C/A MURPHY
92-166	BALISTRIERI	
92-1121	[redacted]	
94-316	BALISTRIERI	C/A MURPHY
92-165	DE SALVO	C/A FITZPATRICK

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Source further advised that SANSONE was quite [redacted] matter as he thought he had made [redacted] with the [redacted]

Source also advised that he had recently talked with STEVE HALMO who told the source that he was not well and was scared concerning [redacted] FRANK STELLOH, referring to the police wanting HALMO to [redacted] HALMO's house. Source advised that STEVE HALMO had told STELLOH about the possibility of [redacted] LOUIE FAZIO and in turn STELLOH had told HALMO to [redacted] and this really upset HALMO. Source also advised that he had discussed the possibility of STELLOH and STEVE DE SALVO [redacted] FAZIOs in order [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI and establish DE SALVO [redacted] the Milwaukee LCN and HALMO also discussed this with HOGAN SANSONE and neither one of them gave any firm decision as to the merits of this possibility.

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Concerning [redacted] source advised that the last time he saw her was [redacted] and she was with [redacted] from Chicago who was approximately [redacted] and was [redacted] Source stated that if he were to guess where [redacted] was, he would pick [redacted] area of Chicago.

Source stated that JIMMY JENNARO is living on Prospect Avenue and he believes that it was at the Prospect Towers but he was not positive. Source advised that T. FAZIO will be leaving Milwaukee for vacation from [redacted] and will be staying at the [redacted]

Source stated that BUSTER BALISTRIERI was formerly in Kansas City and is now working in the MGM Building in Las Vegas according to HOGAN SANSONE.

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MAY 1962 EDITION
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC , MILWAUKEE [redacted] (P) DATE: 1/7/74

FROM : SA EUGENE D. MURPHY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
12/28/73

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

12-0	NARCOTICS MATTERS	
92-555	[redacted]	C/A EUBANK
92-1113	ANTONIO MACHI, aka Tony Petrolle	C/A ST. BERNARD
165-4[illegible]5	[redacted]	C/A GRAHAM
166-507	STEVE HALMO	C/A ST. BERNARD

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- [x] POSITIVE
- [ ] STATISTIC

166-364	AUGIE PALMISSANO C/A HUNT
165-475	[redacted] C/A NESS
92-315	FRANK STELLOH C/A HUNT
92-165	STEVE DI SALVO C/A FITZPATRICK
94-316	FRANK BALISTRIERI C/A MURPHY

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- [ ] POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN (Ghetto only)

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? No

- [x] Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

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[redacted]	182-88	Closed
FRANK SANSONE, aka	165-13	C/A GRAHAM
BUSTER BALISTRIERI	92-166	Closed
[redacted]	166-732	Closed

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Source advised that he was in attendance at the wake and funeral of Mrs. JOHN ALIOTO, wife of BIG JOHN ALIOTO, deceased former head of the Milwaukee LCN. Source advised that just about all of the old timers of the Milwaukee hoodlum and Italian element were in attendance; however, he noted there was no one from Kenosha or Chicago there and [redacted] [redacted] was the only person he saw there from [redacted]

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Source further advised that he was also in attendance at [redacted] ALIOTO's [redacted] however, this was attended by mostly young people and the only exceptions he noted were TONY PETROLLE and [redacted]

Source advised that he had been in conversation recently with STEVE HALMO and HALMO was complaining as to his poor health; however, his health apparently was not bothering him making a [redacted] Source advised he was not able to determine the amount of [redacted] but judging from HALMO's cautiousness, he would assume that it was adequate.

Source advised that he has not been able to [redacted] into any of the operations going on in Milwaukee as he had not been doing it for some time and apparently PALMISSANO and [redacted] from people who have been [redacted] with them on a continuing basis.

Source advised concerning speculation on whether STEVE DI SALVO was [redacted] with assistance of STELLOH, of FRANK BALISTRIERI, that it is a definite possibility in view of the fact that when FRANK BALISTRIERI went to jail, DI SALVO was [redacted] in the

meantime; however, BALISTRIERI appointed his brother PETER and source felt that possibly DI SALVO has never quite [redacted]

Source advised that BUSTER BALISTRIERI is no longer in Kansas City and is now working at the MGM building in Las Vegas, Nevada as is apparently all of the Milwaukee Italian element.

Source advised that [redacted] is still having weekly [redacted] to the [redacted] for all of the gambling element in Milwaukee. Individuals such as [redacted] BIG GEORGE DE GEORGIO, the [redacted] are frequent users of these [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Source stated that FRANK HOGAN SANSONE was recently in town for the holidays; however, his presence was not felt by many as HOGAN is not held in very high regard in Milwaukee and is considered more or less a sponger.

FD-350 (Rev. 7-16-63)

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Teamsters Buy Dreske Property

The Teamsters' Union's Central States Pension Fund purchased four parcels of land owned by George R. Dreske for $1,341,566 at a sheriff's sale here Monday.

Thomas J. Duffey, a Milwaukee lawyer who is a trustee for the pension fund, submitted the only bid for the vacant parcels, which are in West Allis and Brookfield.

The pension fund obtained a judgment in 1974 against Dreske for that amount after Dreske defaulted on mortgages the fund held on the property.

Dreske is the owner of Clinicare Corp., which operates child care institutions at Eau Claire and Prairie du Chien. The pension fund still holds mortgages on the institutions.

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A-12
MILWAUKEE SENTINEL
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Date: 5/18/76
Edition: FINAL
Author:
Editor: ROBERT H. WILLS
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